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WARNING TO IMMIGRANTS.

Those Without Means or Prospects of Immediate Work Should Not Go to South Africa.

New York, Jan. 7.—Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul-general, gave out the following to-day:

"Information has been received to the effect that the government of Cape Colony desire, owing to the present condition of trade in the colony and throughout South Africa, to discourage the further immigration of persons without ample means or prospects of immediate employment. Numbers of skilled artisans and others have been thrown out of work, and fresh arrivals increase the difficulty."

TO CHECK DISEASE.

Medical Experts Have Gone to Work Among the Natives at Tahiti.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Three French medical experts in the service of the French government have departed for Tahiti, where they will endeavor to check the ravages of disease among the natives. The medical experts include Dr. H. Louvan, Dr. F. Cassiu and Dr. Grosfeller. These men are authorities on leprosy and other tropical diseases, and have been sent out to the French possessions in the South Seas because of the increase in mortality among the natives of late.

THE REPLY SAID TO BE UNSATISFACTORY

IS BEING CONSIDERED BY JAPANESE MINISTERS

If There is a Chance for Peace, the Negotiations Will Be Continued.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 7, 4 p.m.—The expected meeting of the British cabinet to-day has been postponed. This is interpreted in business circles to mean an amelioration in the Far Eastern crisis, coupled with better reports from Paris through the Exchange Telegraph Company saying that the French foreign office has received advices favorable to a peaceful settlement. This led to an improvement on the stock exchange, consols going up ¾.

Considering Reply.

Tokio, Jan. 7.—The government is silent concerning the terms of the Russian rejoinder.

A high authority here, however, says the reply is unsatisfactory to Japan, especially in its features bearing upon the question of Korea. He said that the Russian government in its communication expresses a desire for a peaceful settlement of the matters in dispute, Japan has taken the reply under consideration, and if convinced that Russia's protestations are honest and that there is a chance for peace, she will continue the negotiations. At the same time the ministry is unqualifiedly opposed to a long delay.

It is becoming apparent that Japan would resent any intervention upon the part of any of the outside powers in the extremity of a crisis. It is thought possible here that the United States might intervene. Such intervention upon the part of the United States, the Japanese say, would be unjust, and only create delay which would be advantageous to Russia.

Minister Interviewed.

London, Jan. 7.—No further news from the Far East has been received this morning at the Japanese legation here.

The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, says he fails to see how the Japanese railroad could refuse to transport Russian troops from Chemulpo to Seoul, as reported, nor if it did, what object would be gained, for the Russians could easily go to Seoul on foot.

In an interview, published to-day, the Baron makes an interesting reference to the report from St. Petersburg that peace is likely to be settled by the Russian Christmas. The minister said: "That implies that Japan will give her reply much quicker than the Czar's government has been able to do. I notice that when it is Russia's turn to reply, the Russian and some European papers are very pacific, but directly it devolves on Japan to answer their tone suddenly becomes pessimistic." This is very significant.

Consols to-day touched 86 13-16, another low water mark. The Rothschilds say this appears to be entirely due to apprehension of war between Russia and Japan, and not to fear that Great Britain will be involved in the fighting.

Diplomats Hopeful.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7, 5.20 p.m.—The Russian officials were invisible to-day owing to it being the Russian Christmas holidays. The situation appears to be unchanged. Diplomats to-day reiterated that war with Japan was not likely. The people are apathetic, the merchants alone showing uneasiness. The unofficial world would welcome any peaceful solution. The crisis occasions little public comment.

Marched Overland.

Washington, Jan. 7.—United States Minister Allen at Seoul, Korea, has cabled the state department, under to-day's date, that the Russian marines who were landed at Chemulpo were refused transportation to Seoul over the Japanese railway, have reached the capital, marching overland.

Delivered Reply Yesterday.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—The war office has received a dispatch from Tokio saying that Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, presented Russia's reply to the Japanese minister yesterday.

On the Wane.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—The announcement of the departure of M. Rezobrazoff (who has been classed as the power behind the scenes in the Russo-Japanese negotiations) for Switzerland may be construed as an indication that the influence of the Russian war party is waning. This view is strengthened by the failure to hold any meeting of the committee on the Far East. Such a meeting is considered unlikely while the question of war or peace is in the balance. The diplomats also regard the fact that the crown council was called January 3rd and January 5th as being a favorable sign.

Paris Pessimistic.

Paris, Jan. 7.—6.45 p.m.—Official and diplomatic circles here claim to be without information regarding the contents of the Russian reply to Japan, but the tone is distinctly pessimistic, and there are but slight hopes of a peaceful exit from the position in which Russia and Japan find themselves.

The shadow of the moon which falls on the earth during an eclipse of the sun is usually about 50 miles in diameter.

"BURYING THE HATCHET."

Report That the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery Will Amalgamate Interests.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 7.—The impending return of the Duke of Devonshire, who on October 5th last resigned the office of lord president of the council, to the Liberal party, is announced by the Pall Mall Gazette. The paper understands that the Duke and Lord Rosebery have agreed to "bury the political hatchet" and amalgamate their interests.

CRUISER'S BOILER EXPLODES.

Forty-Three Men Killed or Injured on Wallaroo While on Way to Hobart.

(Associated Press.)

Sydney, Jan. 7.—It developed to-day that the loss of life on board the British-Australian third class cruiser Wallaroo, by the explosion of one of her boilers while on her way from here to Hobart, was not so great as at first reported. The number of men killed or injured totals 43.

The first reports said 43 had been killed.

CHICAGO CORONER HAS OPENED INQUEST

Two Hundred Witnesses Will Give Evidence—Further Arrests Have Been Made.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The coroner's inquest over the remains of the Iroquois victims has begun in the city council chamber to-day. The coroner's official list of the dead for use at the inquest contains just 595 names. Coroner Traeger presided over the investigation with the state attorney, and one of his assistants as his legal representatives. It will require six days for the jury to hear the testimony of the 200 witnesses. Technically, the inquest is held over "the body of Miss Mary Edna Torney and 546 others."

Deputy Coroner Buckley knew her and arrived on the scene of the fire a few minutes after her body had been carried out. He was able to locate the two policemen who had handled the body. The check to her seat in the theatre was found in her clothing. Precise evidence can therefore be deduced as to the circumstances of her death, and these circumstances will be interpreted to apply in general to the "546 others."

For the task of fixing the responsibility for the great loss of life State Attorney Dineen instructed Coroner Traeger to establish the identity of some person or persons who died at the end of the passage leading south from the entrance of the second balcony. There a locked door cut off the escape of hundreds whose bodies were found against the barricaded door. The coroner has succeeded in gathering this evidence.

Mrs. B. K. Strong, of Chicago, and her niece Vera Strong, of Americus, Ga., died at the foot of the stairs. The story of their death before the locked exit has been told to the coroner by James M. Strong, son of the older victim.

The arrest of William J. Maher and Geo. Nagel is in connection with the investigation. The men were employed by a sub-contractor of the Fuller Construction Co. According to the police, the men say they nailed down the ventilators in the roof of the theatre over the stage, and that examination will show that the skylight frames had never been removed. In other words, the safety vents for a fire on the stage were never operated even experimentally, and every audience that ever sat in the Iroquois theatre from the day the theatre was opened, had been in imminent danger of death wholesale, whenever a fire broke out on the stage.

Before the coroner's jury to-day John C. Galven testified that on the afternoon of the fire he was in the vestibule of the Iroquis theatre when the fire broke out. He endeavored to open the west door. It was locked on the inside and he could do nothing with it.

Chief of Police O'Neill and Coroner Traeger this afternoon issued orders to policemen to take into custody a representative of the Transfer Company, of Boston, who made the alleged asbestos curtain for the Iroquois theatre. The coroner and the chief of police have received information that persons were again tampering with the Iroquois theatre in an effort to destroy evidence bearing on the recent fire. Directions were immediately given to allow no person whatever to go about in the theatre without being accompanied by a policeman. It was said that the fresh tampering consisted largely in breaking locks of the exits.

STEAMER CAPSIZED.

Missionary and Twenty-Three Natives Drowned in the Congo River.

(Associated Press.)

Anfwerp, Jan. 7.—The mission steamer Lapsey capsized recently opposite Kwamouth, on the Congo river. A missionary, whose name is not given, and twenty-three natives were drowned.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

(Associated Press.)

Cornwall, Jan. 7.—A large quantity of dynamite being thawed in the house of Ernest Froom, Post road, near here, exploded this morning, demolishing the building. Froom was killed and Mrs. Froom, the only other occupant of the house, was severely injured.

HAS GREAT FAITH IN THIS PROVINCE

J. B. HOBSON SEES FIELD FOR CAPITAL

He Will Transfer His Interests in Large Measure From California to British Columbia.

Since J. B. Hobson became interested in British Columbia properties, and by personal contact has learned the value of the natural resources of the province, no one has done more to advertise the possibilities of the country than he has. As manager and one of the directors of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company he represents an organization which since 1897, when it was formed, has become by far the greatest enterprise of its kind in the province. Associated with him in the undertaking are Montreal and Toronto capitalists, who have apparently caught from Mr. Hobson the same optimistic spirit, and who are ready not only to sink the earnings of the company in improvements on the property, but are likewise ready to undertake extensive enterprises in further development.

As previously recorded in the Times, the company propose to commence this season the putting in of a system for the providing of a permanent water supply, independent of that obtained by means of dams which conserved the natural precipitation. This latter work will involve an expenditure of about $250,000. When completed it will work radical changes in the gold production of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company.

Mr. Hobson will leave for Bullion earlier than usual this year in order to superintendent this work. He will not, therefore, take up his residence at Gisburn, the beautiful home in this city, purchased by him last year. A trip to California is to be made by him and his family before he goes to Cariboo in the spring so that his stay in Victoria will be much shorter than formerly.

This trip to California will be a direct advertisement to British Columbia. It is for the purpose of establishing beyond a doubt this faith in the resources of British Columbia. He will visit California with the object of disposing of investments which he has there, and of transferring his interests to this province. He has unbounded faith in the future of this country, and says he is going to make it his home, and it is here he intends to make his investments.

The resources awaiting development makes this, in his opinion, the greatest field for investors in the world.

Not only does this apply to the mineral deposits, but Mr. Hobson is of opinion that the timber constitutes a resource of which it is impossible to estimate the value. He refers to the vast tracts in Cariboo, which will eventually be used in supplying the Northwest Territories.

He also sees in the fruit growing industry one of immense possibilities for British Columbia. With abundance of land available for that purpose the rapid settlement of the Northwest affords an unexcelled market.

He would like to see every encouragement given to bring in men who would develop these latent sources of prosperity. He recognizes that legislators should do something in this work, and that care should be taken not to discourage industry as is too often done in British Columbia. In the various states of the Union, he says, you find legislation entitled "an act to encourage fruit growing" or similar industries. The province might well take a lesson in this respect.

Mr. Hobson will leave for California shortly.

MEMBER FOR NELSON DOWNS HON. R. F. GREEN

The Candidate of the Provincial Government Defeated in the Conservative Convention.

(Special to the Times.)

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 7.—The Conservative convention to nominate a candidate to contest the Dominion electoral district of Kootenay was held here yesterday. Of the nine provincial ridings all were represented except Columbia.

John Houston, president of the Provincial Conservative Association, called the convention to order, but declined a nomination for chairman.

Ex-Governor Mackintosh, of Rossland, C. W. McAnn, of Kaslo, and J. A. Harvey, of Cranbrook, were nominated to contest the riding. Harvey declined the nomination. The first ballot stood: Mackintosh, 24; McAnn, 14.

McAnn was backed by Hon. R. F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and had the support of Harry Wright, M. P. P. for Ymir, and W. R. Ross, M. P. P. for Fernie. Mackintosh had the support of John Houston, of Nelson, and Tom Taylor, M. P. P., of Revelstoke.

There were several contests in the convention, in which Houston was opposed to Green. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works was worsted in every one of them. Green is sore and bitter because of the defeat of McAnn. The Nelson Conservative Association banquetted the delegates at the Grand Central hotel.

THE VANCOUVER MURDER.

Fugitive Jap Located at Seattle, Where He made Daring Escape.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—Police Detective Mulhorn to-day returned from Seattle where he went to hunt for Tanaha, the alleged murderer of a Jap here. It turned out that the fugitive is none other than Gondo, a Japanese outlaw, who had been run out of Seattle several times. He was exiled from Japan. Gondo was located in a boarding house, which the police raided, but the Jap got out of the back door, descended the fire escape and disappeared. The police expect to get him later.

CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

Preferential Trade the Most Important Question Before the People.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 7.—Mr. D. H. Ross, Canada's commercial agent, writing from Melbourne, Australia, says the bond of imperial feeling is indeed strong. A phenomenal harvest means renewed buoyancy in imports, and preferential trade looms largely on the Australian political position. He asks that Canadian firms doing business in Australia send their catalogues to him. In this way he will be able to quote prices.

PHYSICAL CULTURE AMONG MILITIAMEN

Classes in Fencing, Boxing, Club Swinging and Wrestling to Be Started To-night.

The visit of Lord Dundonald to Victoria and the suggestions he then made regarding the physical development of the members of the militia force of Canada has stimulated the strong interest in athletics which has always been displayed by the members of the Fifth Regiment. Since the departure of the G. O. C. arrangements have been completed for a course of physical training which, if taken advantage of, will be of inestimable advantage to the members of the corps.

These classes will be formed at the drill hall to-night, when the cleverest instructors in the city in the respective departments of training contemplated will be on hand. The names of the instructors retained by the regiment, and who will be present to-night, are as follows:

Charles Wriglesworth, the noted wrestler, who has held the local championship for years, and who has "downed" many a doughty knight of the mat, will give instructions in that department.

George Shade, a pupil of Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, and one of the cleverest boxers in the city, will expound the art of self-defence.

Mellish, the club swinger, will undertake the instruction of the men in that art, which is so useful in developing the soldierly biceps.

Paul Bergrau has consented to take the classes in fencing, and those who know the cleverness of Mr. Breygrau in this line will appreciate the opportunity of securing instruction at his hands.

Those joining the regiment now will participate in the benefits to be derived from this course of instruction. This should prove a strong incentive to recruits, for whom there are a few vacancies left.

THE PANAMA QUESTION.

United States Secretary of State Replies To Protest of the Colombian Government.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—General Reyes, the Colombian special envoy, has received the answer of the Washington government to his note, charging the United States with violation of the treaty of 1848. The answer, which was prepared by Secretary of State Hay, though expressing the wishes of the United States government to deal justly with Colombia, is an emphatic refusal to reopen the Panama question. Prior to the receipt of the reply, General Reyes wrote of the state department requesting that the correspondence be transmitted to the senate for its consideration. Pending an answer to this request, the correspondence will not be published.

When the senate convened to-day Mr. Morgan took the floor to answer the speech of Mr. Lodge made on Tuesday, on Mr. Morgan's resolution—declaring "that neither the President or the senate has power to declare war against any foreign power without the consent of congress." He said the President was not justified in making facts to give him the right to recognize a government best suited to his purpose.

MEET NEXT MONTH.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Wm. Rothwell ("Young Corbett") and James E. Britt have agreed to fight in this city next February. They will weigh in at 130 pounds. The fight will probably be under the auspices of the Yosemite Club.

SPOKE AT TORONTO.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 7.—Hon. G. E. Foster and Hon. J. I. Tarte addressed the Canadian club last night. Both endorsed Mr. Chamberlain's tariff policy.

VANCOUVER MAYORALTY.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—Ald. McQueen, Ald. McGuigan, and J. J. Banfield were nominated to-day for the mayoralty.

EXPERT WITNESS FOR THE DEFENCE

DR. GARDNER GIVES HIS MAIN EVIDENCE

Does Not Believe From Doctor's Testimony That Alex. Dunsmuir Had Alcoholic Dementia.

Upon the resuming of the trial of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir yesterday afternoon the examination of the books of Dr. Thorn was proceeded with by E. V. Bodwell, K. C. In March, 1899, the doctor had on his memoranda prepared from the books by his bookkeeper twenty-three visits to Alexander Dunsmuir. These were not recorded as visits to Mrs. Wallace. Consulting the books, it was found that many of these were attendances on Mrs. Wallace. In April, with seven visits to Alexander Dunsmuir, nearly all were shown in the books as being attendances upon Mrs. Wallace. This discrepancy was accounted for, witness said, from the fact that he often attended both. He charged $25 a visit, or if made at night $50.

Re-examined by E. P. Davis, K. C., witness said that the entries during March and April, which he had given as being attendances upon Alexander Dunsmuir, were apparently some of them to be attributed to visits to Mrs. Wallace. Mrs. Wallace never suggested to witness from June to December, 1900, that there was anything wrong with Alexander Dunsmuir's mental condition. He never noticed anything wrong with Mrs. Dunsmuir's mental condition.

Dr. E. R. Sill, of Oakland, was the next witness called. Mr. Davis said it had not been the intention to call the witness, and that it was only done in consequence of the remarks of opposing counsel the other day.

Witness said he was called to Alexander Dunsmuir on April 6th, 1899. He was apparently recovering from a prolonged spree. That was the only time upon which he attended him. There was no indication of any derangement of his mind at the time. His speech was natural. During part of 1899 he attended Mrs. Wallace at his office. Mrs. Wallace never discussed the matter of Alexander Dunsmuir's mental condition to him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bodwell, witness thought that perhaps he told Dr. Huntington, when the latter took his practice, that he might be called in to attend Alexander Dunsmuir or Mrs. Wallace.

Mr. Davis then asked that commission evidence be read, as he was not quite prepared to call his next witness, Dr. Gardner.

Mr. Bodwell was agreeable to this provided he was given a sufficient adjournment in order to prepare for the cross-examination of this witness, who was an expert.

The reading of evidence taken on commission was dispensed with. His Lordship stating that if there was no objection to it he would read the evidence himself.

Both sides agreed to this and the court adjourned until 11 o'clock to-day.

This Morning's Proceedings.

In the trial this morning Dr. A. M. Gardner, of Belmont, an expert in mental diseases, was examined by E. P. Davis, K. C. He is a graduate of St. Louis Medical College, dating from 1876. For fourteen years he had general practice. He for one year was assistant manager of the Napa insane hospital, was superintendent of the Napa State hospital for eleven years, and later had established a private sanitarium for mental diseases at Belmont. In 1899 he became a lecturer in Cooper's Medical College at San Francisco. He had also written considerable on the subject.

In reply to Mr. Davis, Dr. Gardner said he had frequently been asked to look into the mental condition of criminals.

The continued excessive use of alcohol invariably led in time to a deranged condition of the brain, the heart, liver and kidneys. After death it could be told what effect the use of alcohol had had in the cause of a person's death. During a person's life one could only make a prophesy as to it. Commonly people died of some liver, kidney or other trouble, rather than from chronic alcoholic dementia.

The evidence of Dr. Culvert as to the condition of Alex. Dunsmuir, which led to the doctor testifying that the patient had alcoholic dementia of several years' standing, was read by Mr. Davis.

Witness said the symptoms described were consistent with alcoholic dementia. They were likewise consistent with prolonged excessive drinking and possibly meningitis. They might even be consistent with the last stages of typhoid fever. These symptoms were quite consistent with a final spree after a long succession of them.

If witness had been attending the case he would have wanted a history of the case in order to ascertain just what the cause of this condition was. He would seek as complete a history as he could get of the man's habits, etc.

Mr. Bodwell objected to Mr. Davis asking a question of witness in which a part of the evidence given by a previous witness was read, and the present witness asked to pass judgment really upon the credibility of the former witness.

His Lordship thought that it was immaterial whether or not the evidence were read or a hypothetical question based on it.

Mr. Davis, however, altered his question so that no such objection might be urged against it. He ascertained from witness that he had read all the medical evidence in the case.

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SHADOWING JAPAN'S NEW WARSHIPS

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS EN ROUTE TO KOREA

Reply From Czar's Ministers Will Be Considered at Urgency Meeting of Mikado's Cabinet.

London, Jan. 6.—(9.26 p. m.)—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Tokio says: "All the Russian warships recently at Vladivostock are reported to have sailed, probably for Port Arthur. Russia's reply has not yet been received by Japan. There is a strong, widespread tendency to doubt the reports of the alleged conciliatory character of the reply."

To Prevent Landing.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald cables as follows: "There is almost no hope of a peaceful solution and the public is expecting news of a battle resulting from the landing of Japanese troops in Korea. A battalion was sent from Vladivostock to prevent the Japanese from landing."

The correspondent says it is alleged that Japan is negotiating with Buenos Ayres for four other Argentine warships.

Shadowing Cruisers.

London, Jan. 7.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at St. Petersburg says that the news is confirmed that the Second Rifle Regiment has already left Mukden for Korea to protect Russian interests there.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Shanghai reports that Japan has learned that the Russian squadron at Bizerta has been instructed to shadow Japan's new cruisers, and is in readiness to attack them in the event of war being declared.

There are two indications this morning that nothing definite has developed in the Far Eastern crisis, and that nothing is likely to develop until the end of the week.

The first, according to the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, is that an urgency meeting of the Japanese cabinet has been called for to-day, and the second is that the members of the British cabinet have been notified to assemble on Saturday. The meeting of the Japanese cabinet has almost certainly been called for the purpose of considering the reply of Russia to the last Japanese note, and it is equally certain that the meeting of the British cabinet will be for the purpose of discussing the attitude of Great Britain in the event of the Russian reply proving unsatisfactory.

Editorials in this morning's papers are almost unanimous in admitting that if war should be confined to Russia and Japan, Great Britain cannot possibly see Japan crushed, and in the event of the Japanese suffering a severe naval defeat, Great Britain would be compelled to go to her assistance.

The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph still expresses the belief that the Russian reply will not prove satisfactory.

The Standard's Tokio correspondent says that the Russian warships which until recently were in Korean waters, are returning hastily to Port Arthur.

The Revue Russe says that at the moment of going to press the following was resolved from an authoritative source in St. Petersburg: "The probability of war is decreasing at the present moment. Russia cannot make a casus belli of a temporary landing of Japanese troops at a Korean port with the object of maintaining order."

Henry Hazelton, who registered at the Hotel De L'Athene, Paris, as from St. Louis, Mo., but who has relatives in New York, has been missing since December 20th.

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BLUNDERS AND NEGLECT.

Inspector's Comments on Evidence Given Regarding Chicago Theatre Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—With the public and press excluded, the city council's special meeting for the revision of the ordinances governing theatres began to-day.

"The overwhelming mistake of the Iroquois disaster was in the condition of the skylights and ventilators above the stage," said Fire Inspector Monroe Fulgerson to-day.

"Had the ventilators over the stage been opened or the skylights not been fastened shut," said Mr. Fulkerson, "there would have been no loss of life by fire, regardless of the asbestos curtain failing to work. All the testimony given me forms a story of incompetency, blunders, carelessness and neglect upon the part of the builders and managers of the theatre."

Will J. Davis, Harry J. Powers and Thomas G. Noonan, active managers of the Iroquois, pleaded ignorance at the fire department investigation of any precautions taken to prevent loss of life by fire at their theatre. They admitted failure to instruct employees in fighting fire and failure even to provide suitable appliances for use against flames. Their statements were corroborated by the testimony of twenty employees of the theatre, none of whom had ever been told his duty in case of fire. Noonan admitted to-day that eleven of the theatre exits were locked and bolted. Two of these exits leading to the front of the theatre on the ground floor were locked; three additional exits on the north side of the ground floor were bitted; three exits on the north side of the theatre from the first balcony were bolted, and three exits on the north side of the second balcony were bolted.

Will J. Davis testified that he had given no orders to place a fire alarm box in the theatre, that he had no direction to place a pump upon the stage beyond the fact that any apparatus the firemen wanted should be provided. He declared that he could not say as to whether the building had been finally accepted from the Fuller Construction Company or not. He admitted that he never gave any instructions to anybody as to what should be done in case of fire. He had no knowledge as to whether the theatre had received a final certificate before opening. Mr. Powers gave similar evidence.

Fifteen other witnesses said there never was a fire drill in the theatre, and none of the stage hands were ever informed as to the location of the ventilators. Two of the ushers declared that they rang in the first alarm of fire, and did not return to the theatre until the next day. The stage hands said they all sought safety on hearing that the place was on fire.



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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

A Winnipeg dispatch says: "Liberal nominations for the Commons are as follows: West Kent, George Stephens, M. P.; East Peterboro, John Finlay, of Norwood; North Middlesex, Robert Boston, London."

Fire was discovered in a public school at Amsterdam avenue and 129th street, New York, which was extinguished by pupils before the alarm spread. The principal investigated and caused the arrest of Arthur Donovan, eleven years old, and James Revino, fourteen years old.

A dispatch from Topeka, Kan., says that 17 persons were killed and 37 injured in the wreck of the Rock Island express train at Willard.

The Bulgarian government has sent a note to the Porte complaining of the non-fulfillment of its promises concerning reforms in Macedonia.

E. E. Clark, president of the Society of Christian Endeavor, has arrived at Honolulu on the steamer Sierra on his tour of the world.

INTERESTING ADDRESS TO THE WORKINGMEN

Was Given at Meeting in Wm. McKay's Behalf by D. O'Donoghue Last Evening.

A meeting in the interests of Wm. McKay, candidate for school trustee, was held last evening in Labor hall, there being a good attendance of workingmen. The regular meeting of the trades and labor council was adjourned until next Wednesday evening in order to give the members an opportunity to hear the address of the "father of trades unionism in Canada," D. J. O'Donoghue. Wm. Wilson presided.

Mr. McKay, who was first called upon, expressed himself strongly in favor of the establishment of a thoroughly equipped technical school, and pointed out the great benefit to be derived from such an institution. He was in favor of supplying all school books at cost. He then animadverted in very plain terms upon the unsafe and unsanitary condition of Victoria West school, and pointed out the fact that one reason for the serious crowding of the city schools was the attendance at these schools of large numbers of children residing in the district, who should properly attend their own well-equipped district schools. If elected, he promised he would give these matters his earnest attention. He concluded by paying a high tribute to the work of Mr. O'Donoghue for labor's cause.

In the course of a few remarks, President Johnson, of the Laborers' Protective Union, urged the importance of the workingmen having representatives on all public bodies. The workingmen had started well, and should continue the agitation until they had representatives at the council board on the executive committee of every public body in the country.

Mr. Sivertz, secretary of the trades and labor council, then spoke, and he, too, earnestly impressed upon the workingmen the absolute necessity of protecting their own best interests by seeing to it that they had representatives of their own on all public bodies. He favored the election of Mr. McKay.

In introducing Mr. O'Donoghue, the chairman paid him a high tribute, describing him as a life-long champion of labor rights.

Mr. O'Donoghue was received with cheers. He alluded encouragingly of the progress labor was making, and urged workingmen to do their utmost for its advancement. They must have representatives from their own ranks in all departments of public life, otherwise how could they secure what was their due as the toilers? He was not a believer in classes, but he was strongly in favor of workingmen maintaining their rightful position in public affairs. He then gave a most interesting account of the Toronto technical school, and showed how that splendid, useful institution had grown from its inception with 368 pupils and an appropriation of $6,000 in 1901, to 2,020 pupils, and an appropriation of $26,000 in 1903. It was working incalculable benefit to Canada by turning out hundreds of skilled, intelligent mechanics and workmen in all branches of industry, young men who could work alongside the best workmen in the world, earn the highest wages and develop Canada's industrial resources to an enormous degree—as was needed in these days of fierce competition in all lines of trade and industry.

Mr. O'Donoghue gave many interesting illustrations and examples to prove his contention that technical schools were what Canada now most urgently needed. It was due to the intelligent efforts of Toronto trades and labor council that that magnificent school had been founded. He then gave a few words of wise council to the workingmen regarding politics, and asked them to remember that amidst the wranglings and rivalries of parties there was one party above all others for the workingmen to support, and that was the labor party. Let the workingmen elect workingmen, and there would soon be an end to many a grievance under which workingmen now struggled. The secret of the whole business was united action. When they had elected their men let them stand by them faithfully. He pointed out the dangers of disruption and want of unity in forcible and eloquent terms. Mr. O'Donoghue's address was listened to with the greatest attention, and was followed by very hearty applause.

Ralph Smith, M. P., of Nanaimo, being present, was called on by the chairman. He said he was not familiar with the condition of school matters in this city, therefore he would not touch the subject, but he also paid a high tribute to the worth of Mr. McKay, a trades unionist and citizen, and urged workingmen to elect him.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to Mr. O'Donoghue and the meeting adjourned.

MISERABLE POOR OF WEST LONDON

FAREWELL LECTURE BY REV. MARK G. PEARSE

Metropolitan Methodist Church Was Crowded Last Night—A Very Instructive Address.

"Christian Socialism" was the subject of the farewell address by Rev. Mark Guy Pearse at the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening. The lecture dealt principally with the condition of the poor of Western London, the miserable, hopeless life of large numbers being described in graphic terms. Rev. Mr. Pearse's remarks were enlivened by numerous anecdotes of a humorous character, which were thoroughly appreciated judging by the merriment they created. At the conclusion of the address Rev. Elliott S. Rowe made a few remarks. He would not attempt to thank Rev. Mr. Pearse on behalf of those who had listened to his lectures here, because he felt that any words he could use would not give adequate expression to their appreciation. All were sorry this was the last occasion Rev. Mr. Pearse would appear before a Victoria audience on his present tour, and everyone hoped that some time in the future he would again visit the city.

The auditorium and galleries were crowded last evening long before the time announced for the commencement of the lecture. There were more present than on Monday, many being unable to obtain seating accommodation. Rev. Mr. Pearse was greeted with enthusiasm. After the singing of an appropriate hymn, Rev. E. S. Rowe introduced the speaker.

Rev. Mr. Pearse expressed pleasure at being given an opportunity to talk to Victorians on the condition of people in the Old Land. If there was anything that should make Canadians appreciate the glory of the blue sky and their wonderful heritage, it was a knowledge of the deplorable condition of the masses in the Old Country.

Referring to the size of London, the speaker said: "Think of what the whole of London means—6,500,000 people—the world has seen nothing like it." In the whole of the Dominion, a country as big as Europe, the population was only 5,000,000, over a million less than the number of people living crowded together in London. "You can't begin to think what this means. In South Africa, a country as large as thirteen Great Britains, there are not as many people as in England's metropolis. If you start from Victoria and walk towards the north of the Island until you cover half the distance, and then imagine that all that district is thickly populated, house joining house, you have a better idea of the crowded condition of the masses in London. Every room in each house where the poor live is occupied by a family." He told of how sometimes several families would occupy one room, and mentioned one specific case where three families were living in this way. "They lived peaceably," he remarked, "until one family took in a boarder, and then there was a row."

One laughed at the humor of it, but could not help shuddering at the horror. If all the churches in London were filled to their utmost capacity there would be a population left out as large as would be seen in travelling from one end to the other of the Dominion. It would be asked what was London doing to allow such a condition of affairs. Although every effort was being made, it was found impossible to keep up to the steady increase in the population. In London a large proportion of the masses of people were in circumstances which make life not worth living. Here the speaker compared the condition of the people of Canada with those in England. He said: "I have never before seen such widespread comfort and prosperity as prevails throughout the Dominion."

At this juncture he asked the audience whether the following statement was not correct: "A man who does his fair share towards the welfare of the nation has earned a fair share of the pleasures and leisure of life." Those present answered with loud and continued applause, and the speaker went on to show the miserable life of those living in the slums of London. Their home was a single room in which they slept, washed, ate, etc. No matter how they strove they found it impossible to better their condition. The only thing they could look forward to, after such a life, was the workhouse. Here Rev. Mr. Pearse remarked: "I know that drink often drives men to the slums, but I think that the slums just as often drive men to drink." Under these circumstances the public houses became a natural resort; they were at least warm and comfortable. There was no worse waste of money than the erection of large churches which were opened only once a week. The doors should be thrown open every evening, and efforts made to gather together those who would otherwise spend their time in public houses. No church, however sacred or beautiful, was too good for the so-called riff-raff. Church people were so apt to ask men whether they "were prepared to die," forgetting to inquire whether they "were able to live." There were two classes of socialism. One was that of hate, which said "what is thine is mine," and the other was that of love, which said "what is mine is thine."

Rev. Mr. Pearse next spoke of the selfishness of some Christians. All they seemed to care about was their own salvation. In this connection he said: "I count that I am nearer the Lord Jesus Christ if, like Moses, I would have myself blotted from the Book of Life for the sake of others. All religion should begin with individual salvation, but the religion that ends there cheats itself." The socialist question would have to be dealt with sooner or later. It was a question of "Down with everything that is up, or up with everything that is down." As it was coming sooner or later he advised Christians to bring about relief by assisting the oppressed.

Continuing, he described a place in the slums of London known as "Little Hell," which was worse than any other resort. Three of "The Sister of the People," an organization with which Rev. Mr. Pearse is connected, were at work there continually. He gave a number of incidents where the efforts of the sisters were successful in rescuing men and women. He also told of a step that had been taken to make the lives of the children of the slums brighter. A sister called at the rooms every day and took charge of the children during the parents' absence. Before this children were either left to run the streets or were tied to the bed posts all day with a little bread and water within reach.

Rev. Mr. Pearse concluded his remarks with a number of amusing experiences encountered while working in the interests of the poor in London. When he took his seat he received round after round of applause. A few remarks were then made by Rev. Mr. Rowe, bidding farewell to Rev. Mr. Pearse, after which the Doxology was sung.

THEIR LAST MEETING.

Board of Police Commissioners Met in Regular Session Yesterday.

The last meeting of the present board of police commissioners was held yesterday afternoon in the Mayor's office, city hall. There were present Mayor McCandless, Commissioners Stewart and Price, Chief Langley and the court clerk, F. Page. The principal business consisted of an investigation into the escape of Alden Davidson, the prisoner who, it will be remembered, was being held to answer a local charge as well as for a crime committed in Vancouver. Jailer Handley, who was on duty at the time, explained that the prisoner had balanced a plank on the top of a short ladder, climbed to the top of the wall and down a water pipe on the other side. After weighing the circumstances the commissioners concluded that the jailer was not to blame for the man's escape, and a resolution to this effect was moved by Commissioner Price and carried. The commissioners, however, ordered that in the future no ladders or boards were to be left in the jail yard.

The board compimented the police on their good work for the past year, commenting favorably on their excellent showing.

A REMEDIAL MOVEMENT.

To the Editor:—In company with many others, I thoroughly enjoyed the lecture given last evening by Rev. Mark Guy Pearse. His fearful portrayal of the terrible conditions under which so large a portion of humanity are forced to exist (we cannot call it living) and his full realization of the great danger of a popular upheaval, reminds one of the condition of affairs previous to the French revolution. While one cannot but admire the spirit of love and brotherhood that impels many to go and work among these people, and wish them god-speed, yet to a thinking mind the question naturally arises: Would it not be better to change the conditions that produce such evil results? It is just here where the difference comes in between Christian Socialism and Scientific Socialists. The first endeavors to palliate or relieve, and does not go to the root of the evil and stop it at its fountain head. The latter, being students of economics, see clearly the cause and its remedy. The competitive system has had its day, and we are fast outgrowing. Its evils are so apparent that the public mind is forced to think and reason from effect to cause. Labor, the producer of all wealth, is rapidly realizing that it is being filched out of a large share of the wealth it produces. It is now endeavoring through trades unionism to assert its rights, and through bull-pen lessons realizing how small is the power of boycott and strike. The only remedy is in the ballot box, and all wage earners should be fully as class-conscious as are the rich and work together to remove the cause, which they can only do by making new laws suitable to new conditions. I trust that you will give full report of lecture, for Mr. Pearse certainly gave some sledge-hammer blows at those whose ideas of the teachings of Christianity consist in being slavish followers of their own particular ism, and not in carrying out its practice in work for humanity.

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CHARLES H. LUGRIN.
Victoria, January 4th, 1903.

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Take notice that pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson Clanton and George Barrett, or to the undersigned, on or before the 20th day of January, 1904, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

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FIRST MEETING OF THE CAMPAIGN

CANDIDATES GIVEN ATTENTIVE HEARING

Civic Topics as Well as Educational Subjects Discussed at Oaklands Last Night.

Out at Oaklands fire hall last night an interesting gathering of ladies and gentlemen of the district listened to the two candidates for mayorality and to a number of those for council and school trustee board. It was the opening meeting of the present municipal campaign, and was a very harmonious one.

Watson Clarke made a capital chairman and opened the meeting with a few happy remarks.

C. E. Redfern.

C. E. Redfern was the first speaker of the evening. It was the first time he had had an opportunity of addressing a meeting in this hall. He was thus placed in a position to judge the wants of the district. If elected he would see that a fair and equitable proportion of the city's money was spent in the district. Out of $505,532 expended last year, $46,946 had been available for street improvement. When it was considered that there were 82 miles of streets and 156 miles of sidewalk, apart from the bridges, it would be seen that there was an allowance of about 50 cents to a foot of street. The area of the city was too large for its population. In this respect a mistake had been made during ex-Mayor Grant's time. More revenue was required without raising taxation, which he would be opposed to.

If elected he would be disposed to have a representative committee appointed to investigate the whole fiscal system to see that there was no unjust pressure on any particular class. He would not taffy anyone. If elected he would do what he could for the benefit of the city as a whole.

A Voice—Towards Oakland?

Mr. Redfern—No, I am afraid I can't say that. There was one thing, however that he thought could be done for the district, and that was the installation of a few more lights. Whether the present electric plant could supply more lights he was not in a position to state.

Mr. Redfern then referred to his previous work in the municipal government. There had been three important planks in his platform, that of the improvement of streets, the establishment of a sewer system and the completion of the waterworks. As all knew the streets were in a very bad condition when he assumed office. These were improved, and finally the paving of the streets commenced. The sewer system Mr. Redfern claimed to be the father of. The speaker traced the history of this undertaking step by step up till the past year. Of the amount appropriated on the sewers there was still about $120,000 to be expended, of which about $80,000 would be spent this year, and the balance the following year. By this time the revenue derived would be such as to warrant the borrowing of an additional sum for the completion of the work. As all knew, there were some sections of the city that cannot be sewered by the present system of gravitation. It will have to be carried out by the septic tank plan.

As to the waterworks, the speaker maintained that these were in a good condition. The water was pure and wholesome, and when an additional 24-inch main was needed he hoped that the population would be so increased that the extra burden placed on the citizens would not fall heavily.

One of the most important works of the approaching municipal term was the carrying out of the improvements at James Bay. The advent of the C. P. R. to this city Mr. Redfern believed could not be too highly estimated. The filling in of the roadway across the Bay would have to be done immediately. As for the balance of the work it might be left until spring.

The Point Ellice bridge he was glad to hear was rapidly nearing completion, and he understood that there would be a substantial balance over and above the cost of the structure.

There was still another matter which should engage the attention of the residents, particularly within the city. He alluded to the harbor improvement. Shipping in the upper harbor suffered greatly from lack of this. The incoming mayor and council should do everything in their power to bring about this improvement. They should work hand in hand with the Dominion representatives in securing Victoria's rightful claims in this connection.

The Indian reserve hung fire terribly. When the opportunity did come to the citizens they should be ready to take advantage of it. Victoria wanted public wharves, and a section of the reserve should be reserved for a park.

James Manton asked if Mr. Redfern was in favor of a metre system.

Mr. Redfern said no, that he was not in favor of metres, generally speaking, although as a question of expediency it might have been necessary to introduced the metres to limit the supply of those who made great waste of the water. He was not in favor of more metres except in case of waste or places requiring large quantities, such as manufacturing plants.

Ald. Barnard.

Ald. Barnard was the next speaker. As a representative of South Ward he thought that his services had been very acceptable. If His Worship Mayor McCandless had run for mayor again he would not have entered this contest. Ald. Cameron had also dropped out of the field. He considered it only fair that one having served faithfully and well for a term of two years should be given a chance to advance, otherwise good men could not be induced to come out. In referring to the work of the present council, he spoke of the financial record of the board. The council had entered upon the year with a deficit of $10,000. Notwithstanding this legacy the council will retire this year with a small surplus. This was a creditable showing, and in itself worthy of the renewed confidence in the members of the council.

Ald. Barnard then described the status of the sewer system, showing What had been done, and though not wishing to steal any one's thunder, claiming that had he not done what he did the work would not have been advanced as it is today. The paving of Bastion street was one of the most important works carried out last year. If elected he would do what he could to extend the permanent sidewalks not only in the business section but into the residential section as well. He was heartily in accord with what Mr. Redfern had said about the James Bay improvements. The city was under contract to the C. P. R. to have the flats filled in by October. He did not want to see the work wait until then, but to have it done as soon as possible. The Dominion government was deserving of thanks for what it had done in providing the dredge and saving the city a large expenditure.

In conclusion Ald. Barnard said that the district had not as fair a proportion of the revenue expended as it was deserving. But the council was hard put to it all the time. No one could accuse him of entering the council for selfish ends. He told of how he had first sought improvements, and not succeeding in getting these, ran for the council. He did not do so for private purposes or for the remuneration in it. This he was not looking for, and in proof of this stated that he had given away his civic salary. In his own community life was hardly worth living, for neighbors were continually after him to know why larger expenditures had not been made in that part of the city.

Ald. Barnard said he would not take up all the time of the meeting. There were others to be heard, and he would have an abundance of time to more fully explain his position.

Mr. Oleson asked what amount of money had been handed to the Tourist Association.

In reply Mr. Barnard said $2,750.

Another member of the audience asked if the Tourist Association was a municipal concern.

Ald Barnard said no, but Ald. Cameron was on the executive of the Tourist Association, and he had every confidence in him in seeing that the money given was expended in the right way.

Mr. Oleson thought the money might have been better expended on the streets, and that in this way a better advertisement to the city might be secured, but Ald. Barnard said that $2,750 would not go very far on the streets, and he did not think expending the money in the fixing of a few crossings would have resulted in a better advertisement to the city at large.

Ald. Grahame.

Ald. Grahame, on being called on, wished all a happy and prosperous New Year. He hoped that Victoria would be in a better position at the end of 1904 than at present. As for the money given to the Tourist Association, as one of the finance committee, he explained how he opposed the extra grant given to the association, but the matter had to be confronted, and the committee decided that it would be a very injudicious thing in view of the step forward which the city had now taken to let the Tourist Association fall behind, and so the money was given.

Ald. Graham then touched briefly on the sewer system and the improvements to the bridges. In this latter connection, he spoke of the desirability of building a permanent roadway around the head of the Arm.

As for the James Bay flats, he believed this work should be carried out at once, even if it was found necessary to get a dredge here from Seattle for the purpose. The Dominion dredge was operated to some extent by political influence, and there might be more influence brought to bear elsewhere than here.

The speaker outlined what had been done in the appropriating of the money set aside for the work. Dealing with the affairs of the district, Ald. Grahame said that little had been done in supplying the district with electric light, and other street improvements, but he had always done what he could for the district, and would continue to do if elected.

W. F. Fullerton.

W. F. Fullerton, another candidate for aldermanic honors in North Ward, was opposed to the present metre system, classifying it as inequitable. If the Electric Light Company was to charge subscribers $1 for 10 cents worth of light used by them, he said there would at once be a protest. There was a great grievance in this question of water metres, and it should be remedied. The trades licenses as applied also required adjustment. It was not right to charge a small dealer in the outskirts the same as the big dealer in the central part of the city. In the matter of sewerage some complaint might be raised about the frontal tax charged on corner properties. Now that a good deal of attention has been paid to the central part of the city, more money should be devoted to the outskirts. The subject of schools was also touched on by the speaker in addition to the James Bay flats.

J. L. Beckwith.

J. L. Beckwith said that he always contended that a larger division of the finances of the city should be expended in the North Ward. If elected he would contend for the same thing. The Central Ward was more in a position for permanent improvements. Victoria was very lenient in this respect when compared with other cities.

In the matter of lights, by far the most were required in North Ward. One was wanted in front of the Oaklands hall, and another on the Jewish cemetery hill. Petitions for all needed improvements should be sent in to the council early. In regard to the representation of North Ward in the council, he considered that this was entirely inadequate. The speaker said he believed in the North Ward being divided. When in the council, he had strongly advocated the septic tank system. This system was very successful in Vancouver, and he would do all he could to advocate its introduction in sections here. He would not strive for a surplus of revenue at the end of the year as was the case this year. He believed, however, that an effort should be made to collect the revenues earlier in the year than at present, so as the moneys could be better distributed. The agricultural exposition, he believed, should be a permanent feature. As for the introduction of metres he believed these had been badly placed.

J. A. Douglas.

J. A. Douglas, a candidate for South Ward, believed that the expense of the city could be kept down in little things, for instance in keeping gullies open, and thus draining the roads. Something ought to be done for the protection of the foreshore. The tramway service ought to be kept efficient, the roads from the outer wharf especially put in good condition, and the tramway line should be extended to the cemetery.

School Trustee Candidates.

E. A. Lewis, one of the candidates for the school trustee board, was the next speaker. All, he said, must have been gratified by the high standard set by the Victoria schools. New schools will have to be built. A large building should be built in the Oakland estate and Victoria West, thus doing away with the small wooden buildings and relieving the pressure on the central schools. If elected he would do all in his power to increase the present educational advantages of the city.

Mr. Oleson—"How long would you suggest that a boy should attend a High school and how many subjects should be taught in the public schools."

In reply Mr. Lewis said that the maximum age should be 16 years. He did not believe in the increase of subjects.

Mr. Oleson—"How far would you be in favor of introducing the teaching of professions."

Mr. Lewis—"I believe that a boy or a girl up to the age given should be fully equipped to meet in the best way the exigencies of life."

Mr. Lewis was then asked if he was in favor of the establishment of a Normal school in Victoria, and in reply said that he was in favor of some such a supplementary course.

W. J. Boldon, another trustee candidate, was in favor of technical education. What was the use of teaching a boy certain subjects in the High school when he never brought them into practical use? he asked. At present there were many thousands of dollars sent out of the city every year for the purpose of giving boys a training abroad. If technical education was tought here this could be carried out for a fraction of the cost. The system had been tried in Toronto, and found to work well. In the matter of books more economy should be practiced. If books now thrown away could be used by other pupils a great saving might be effected.

Peter Riddell, if elected to the school board, said he would do all in his power to keep up the efficiency of the schools. He was in favor of manual training and domestic science. The question of school accommodation was a matter that should demand the attention of the new board, and if elected he would do what he could to get this district, as also Victoria West, their fair share of what is going.

Geo. J. Cook, still another candidate for school board honors, also spoke.

Andrew Oleson had a few words to say in conclusion on school matters generally, and after a vote of thanks had been passed to the chairman the meeting adjourned.

During the evening a letter was read from Ald. Dinsdale regretting his inability to attend.

Frank Williamson's implement warehouse, and Brinkwalla's general store at Belmont, Man., have been burned; loss, $9,000.

STODDART, FAX AND THEIR COMPANY

THEY ENTERTAINED A LARGE ATTENDANCE

An Admirable Presentation of "The Bonnie Briar Bush"—Principals Were Well Supported.

The large audience at the Victoria theatre last night afforded abundant testimony to the fact that the bulk of playgoers last year realized what they missed when they allowed J. H. Stoddart and his excellent company to present "The Bonnie Brier Bush" to many empty seats on their first appearance in this city. Not only was last night's gathering large, it was enthusiastic, sympathetic, admiring and fearing in turn.

The company is fully equal to the aggregation which surrounded Messrs. Stoddart and Fax last year, and from the rise of the curtain in the first act, by the magic of finished art, the audience was transported to the glen of Drumtochty, where was enacted the moving scenes in as wholesome and impressive a drama as was ever given to the stage.

There are indeed some rare characters drawn in the play. Lachlan Campbell, the old shepherd of frozen exterior, inflexible determination and unbending allegiance to what he bitterly realized was a misconception of duty; the inimitable Posty, never at a loss for an excuse to connect with the neck of the ubiquitous bottle; William McLure, the glen doctor, who never changed his "breeks" for twenty years; Flora Campbell, whose woes were terminated by supreme happiness; Rev. John Carmichael, the parson, who aimed his matrimonial arrow high and hit the mark; in fact every part in the production appeals to the sympathy of the audience and gets it.

The story of the play has been recounted in these columns before and repetition is therefore unnecessary. It was presented last night in a manner which made the audience forget that they were gazing on the mimic realm; that Lachlan Campbell was J. H. Stoddart and Posty, Reuben Fax, and that in the course of a couple of hours it would all be over, and the theatre shrouded in darkness. They thought they were away among the hills of Scotland, smiling over the real joy and weeping over real sorrow, such is the potency of realism and true acting.

Another year has passed over the white-haired Thespian who heads the company, but there was no perceptible difference in his personality or his portrayal of the character with which his name has become so intimately associated. Erect, vigorous, and full of that quiet strength which is the most impressive characteristic of his acting, he gives an exhibition of preservation of vigor which in one moving on towards four score years, is nothing short of marvellous. But it is not this circumstance which wins the admiration of the audience and the encomiums of critics. It is his art—his wondrous art—pure and simple the genius which knows no limitations, whether enveloped in a player who has passed three score years and ten, or in one of comparative youth.

Reuben Fax shared honors with Mr. Stoddart. This clever Canadian character delineator was even better than last year, and gave an exhibition of comedy work that Victorians have yet to see surpassed. Julius McVicker, who has appeared here several times within the past two years, was a manly Lord Hay, while Wallace Jackson as Tamimas Mitchell and Robt. V. Ferguson as William McLure were favorites with the audience.

Of the ladies, Miss Mabel Brownell was a splendid Flora Campbell, showing emotional ability of marked order. Miss Adelaide Cumming was an ideal whole-souled Margaret Howe, and Miss Helen Holmes presented a very pleasing picture of faithful Kate Carnegie.

During the performance the company's quartette rendered a number of Scottish melodies in fine style. "The Bonnie Brier Bush" will be repeated to-night.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 7.—5 a. m.—The high pressure area which for some days has been centred in Oregon is moving slowly to the southeast, and low pressure areas from the ocean cover the upper portion of British Columbia, and, crossing the Rockies, occupy the whole region of the Northwest, where the centre of the disturbance is at Winnipeg; rain has fallen along the districts on the Straits and snow at Barkerville and in Manitoba. Temperatures are mild west of the Rockies and moderate in the Northwest.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh winds, chiefly cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.27; temperature, 45; minimum, 45; wind, calm; rain, .09; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .24; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 34; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 46; minimum, 46; wind, 2 miles N.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Margaret Cunningham, a nurse girl in the employ of Prof. Chamberlain, of Cornell University, has been arrested on the charge of sending a box of poisoned candy to the home of Michael Casey, causing the serious illness of his children.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE.

Ex-Governor MacIntosh Selected as Standard Bearer in Kootenay.

The Conservative nominating convention for Kootenay convened at Nelson on Wednesday night. Thirty-eight delegates were in attendance, Columbia district not being represented. Hon. Robt. E. Green, Kaslo, presided. Three names were placed in nomination, ex-Governor MacIntosh, Rossland, B. C., Charles McAnn, Kaslo, and J. A. Harvey, Cranbrook. After nominations had closed Mr. Harvey withdrew his name and a vote resulted in twenty-four in favor of MacIntosh and fourteen for McAnn. The nomination of Mr. MacIntosh was made unanimous.

Tustin O. Boyle, a C. P. R. brakeman, fell from the top of a train at Virden and was fatally injured. He leaves a wife and children at Brandon.

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A M'INTOSH RESURRECTION.

The Conservative convention held at Nelson yesterday nominated Mr. Charles McIntosh, presently of Rossland or Vancouver, recently of Regina, and formerly of Ottawa, as the candidate of the party in Kootenay for election to the House of Commons. The Liberals have not chosen their standard bearer, but it is pretty safe to assume that they will again endorse the candidature of Mr. W. H. Galliher, M.P.

It is difficult to understand why the Conservatives of Kootenay selected Mr. McIntosh. He does not claim to be a fully-fledged resident of the province, and excepting that he was a candidate for the local legislature some years ago, when he was defeated by Mr. Smith Curtis, he has had no political affiliation or sympathy with the local Conservative party. He has not worked in the ranks, or helped the party in the slightest degree. Other than as a company promoter he has no interest whatever in British Columbia. He has a reputation, it is true, from twenty years ago, as a persistent and daring lobbyist and a rather clever stumper, but these, we submit, are not the only qualifications wanted in the man who is to represent a British Columbia constituency. But these, with the added virtue of a genial disposition, are the only qualifications that Mr. Charles McIntosh, professional politician, possesses for the position of member for the electoral district of Kootenay. What they might accomplish for Kootenay or for British Columbia from the opposition benches will, however, never be known. Kootenay is a Liberal-constituency, and will decline, in a very pronounced voice, to assist in the attempted resuscitation of even so interesting a person as Mr. Charles McIntosh is known to have been before he died politically and was buried.

JAPAN AND HER NEIGHBORS.

It is perhaps fortunate for the world—from the point of view of some it may be considered unfortunate—that there is generally some great, momentous event pending, or in process of enactment, to keep at a distance the dreadful, depressing spirit of ennui, that enemy of mankind which tempts to suicide and all sorts of reckless escapades.

In this year of grace 1904 we shall have no race for the American Cup, but, by way of compensation, Japan and Russia are squaring up to each other, and the prospects are bright or gloomy, according to the point of view, for a fight to a finish. From a merely spectacular standpoint, from the position of the person who is so unfortunately constituted that he cannot behold in such a conflict the misery, sufferings and injustice which must fall upon unoffending people—from the peaks of selfishness and self-interest the war between Japan and Russia will appear a most interesting event.

The interest felt by the world in the pending struggle might as well be candidly admitted. It knows fairly well from past experience what Russian troops are capable of in the field under conditions which are of the past. It does not know how they will act under changed circumstances, with rapid fire guns of all calibres in the hands of the contending armies. In some respects the individual will count for less than he did 25 years ago; in others more will depend upon individuality. While the Japanese have never been submitted to the great test, the avidity with which they profit by the experience of the neighbors whose movements they closely watch cannot be denied. Their military commanders have no doubt taken notes of the revolution that has been wrought in the formation of armies and the changes rendered necessary in manoeuvres by the perfection to which arms have been brought. The conduct of the war in South Africa was not unheeded by the Japanese. It is just a question whether the Russians are temperamentally capable of profiting to the same extent from the lessons to be drawn from that campaign.

Then the fighting value of modern ships of war has yet to be demonstrated, at least to the great masses of the people, who are excluded from the conning tower, the bridge, the turret and the engine room when experiments are under way. Navigation is a comparatively new science to the Japanese also, and whether they have acquired in the course of a generation or so the proficiency which is to some extent bred in the bone of men whose ancestors have ploughed the main for generations yet remains to be demonstrated. It is quite apparent, however, that in everything to which they have set their hands the Japs have applied themselves with an enthusiasm which has not only deserved, but has won success. They have adopted the methods of their more advanced neighbors in everything political, commercial and industrial. They have achieved success in the paths of peace, and they will not be content with less when they encounter their enemies in battle. The men who are ready to venture an opinion upon all things, whether they know it all or not, hold that Russia will exhaust her antagonist and drive her within her own strongholds. The war may end sooner than is expected. The smaller nation should in the beginning have many advantages, not the least of which will be immediate proximity to her supply base, and she might contrive to make Russia's remoteness somewhat embarrassing. The population of Japan, with full fighting strength practically on the scene, was in 1899, 44,260,004; an increase of nearly three and a quarter millions over the census of 1892. Japan's revenue for 1902-3 was 282,432,964 yen; expenditure, 281,753,195 yen. The yen is equal to about 50 cents in gold. Of Japan's expenditure in the last year 21,349,054 yen was for the navy, and 38,432,317 for the army—the largest charges on her revenue except that for national debt.

THE ORGANIZER'S WORK.

The Nelson Tribune says: "As Robert F. Green, of Kaslo, is drawing $5,118.50 a year and travelling expenses from the province of British Columbia as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, he should give the maximum of attention to the duties of his office and the minimum to politics—especially Dominion politics." But Hon. Robert F. Green is not an ordinary Minister of the Crown. If he were as the men who have filled the post of Chief Commissioner before him, he would probably find his energies taxed in the administration of his department. It would be interesting to know how many hours the bustling minister and deep politician has spent in his office since he commenced to draw that salary of $5,118.50 a year, with travelling expenses amounting to a handsome sum by way of extra honorarium.

Mr. Green is at present in Kootenay managing the job of selecting a candidate to represent the Conservative party in the coming Federal fight in that district. The Chief Commissioner was anxious to secure the nomination of one McAnn, who had rendered him good service in the late provincial election. Both the Commissioner and his nominee were turned down, with the natural result that John Houston is not the only rebellious subject of King Green in the Kootenays.

It is possible that the Premier of British Columbia will not listen to any advice tendered him by the Times. If he were amenable to reason, we should endeavor to convince him that the people of the province are not pleased with his Assessment Act and that their wrath is not likely to be mollified by the spectacle of this light-weight, small-calibre heeler flaunting himself through the constituencies at their expense upon business which will be prejudicial rather than beneficial to provincial interests. If the Finance Minister is sincere in his desire to curtail expenditures he should insist upon Mr. Green placing that powerful intellect and political light of his under a bushel for a season, and thus save the province a large bill for travelling expenses. That would look better in the public eye than the miserable pretext of discharging a few public servants and appointing others in their stead. Call Green home. He can be of little use here, it is true, but as it seems we as a people are bound to maintain him for a time, the job will cost less here than it would anywhere else.

An Eastern paper says the North Renfrew election is to be protested. It is stated the Tories spent $25,000 in the fight. Bob Birmingham will have an opportunity of telling the court what he was doing on the side lines for six months prior to the election. Birmingham is one of the organizers who struck because his salary had fallen into arrears. We believe the party keeps three gentlemen of this class in steady jobs. For men who deprecate machinery, the Tories keep their machine in fairly good working order.

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In reply to the assertion of the News-Advertiser-Colonist that the McBride government's policy meets with the approval of the entire press of the province, the Nelson Tribune points out that of twenty-two papers published in the Kootenays but one supports the present administration wholeheartedly. That one is the Nelson Economist, a weekly. On the coast the syndicate has the field almost entirely to itself. The sentiments of the people are undoubtedly correctly portrayed in the newspapers.



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Dr. Wade, formerly of Victoria, who has been conducting the Kamloops Sentinel for some time in a very able manner, has acquired the paper. The doctor will see to it that the Sentinel maintains its commanding position in the journalistic ranks.

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The result of the Kootenay Conservative convention seems to prove that the Nelson Tribune was not far astray when it said: "Robert F. Green of Kaslo is not a big man mentally; and he is no bigger politically than he is mentally."

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The Japanese are afraid of nothing under heaven. The spirit of the little Ghourkas of India is within them. Armies made up of such material are hard to beat. Remember that when you disparage the Japanese.

THE WAYSIDE WELL.

Walter Learned.

He stopped at the wayside well,
Where the water was cool and deep;
There were feathery ferns 'twixt the mossy stones,
And gray was the old well-sweep.

He left his carriage alone;
Nor could coachman or footman tell
Why the master stopped in the dusty road
To drink at the wayside well.

He swayed with his gloved hands
The well-sweep, creaking and slow,
While from seam and scar in the bucket's side
The water plashed back below.

He lifted it to the curb,
And bent to the bucket's brim;
No furrows of time or care had marked
The face that looked back at him.

He saw but a farmer's boy,
As he stooped o'er the brim to drink,
And muddy and tanned was the laughing face
That met him over the brink.

The eyes were sunny and clear,
And the brow undimmed by care,
While from under the rim of the old straw hat
Strayed curls of chestnut hair.

He turned away with a sigh;
Nor could footman or coachman tell
Why the master stopped, in his rise that day,
To drink by the wayside well.

CANADA'S GREAT FOREIGN TRADE.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The growth of the foreign commerce of Canada in recent years has been one of the most remarkable features of that rapidly developing country. Between 1898 and 1903 the combined exports and imports increased from 300 millions to 450 millions, or 50 per cent. In that same time the United States showed an increase of only 32 per cent. That this rapid growth is still continuing is shown by the figures just published for the five months, July to November, during which the gain over the corresponding five months of 1902 was more than 12 per cent.

How huge Canada's foreign commerce is appears more clearly still when we take into comparison the size of the population. In 1903 this trade amounted to about $75 for each Canadian, while in the United States the corresponding figure was only $30 per capita.

Still more striking is a comparison with Mexico, which has more than twice the population of Canada, and less than half the foreign trade. The figure is about $14 per capita. But even this includes huge exports in silver, and in addition counts all merchandise exports at their silver value. Leaving out the precious metals, and estimating the remaining trade in gold values, the Mexican foreign trade amounts to something less than $8 per capita.

UNCLE SAM AND PANAMA.

New York Post.

"No sheep can bite me and live," said a soldier, who came into camp bringing the carcass of one on his back, after an order against plundering had been issued. In like spirit, Secretary Moody now says, "Let the Colombians take the initiative." The initiative in what? If the secretary means war, it is too late for the Colombians to take it now, because we took it seven weeks ago. When we sent cruisers to the Isthmus to prevent the Colombians from suppressing insurrection in their own territory, we forestalled any claim they might ever make to the initiative.

TO HEAD CHAMBERLAIN OFF.

New York Herald.

If our people will only encourage a meeting of the joint high commission and arrange a reciprocity treaty with Canada—which last year took nearly a hundred and fifty million dollars of our products—there won't be enough of Mr. Chamberlain's scheme left to talk about, and the British workers will continue to get our raw materials for their industries and to eat American bread and meat without paying tribute to a brood of tariff created trusts.

THE NOVELIST'S GENTLEMAN.

Geraldine Bonner in The Reader.

The Duc de Richelieu, the beloved of ladies, the breaker of hearts, was the perfect Fine Gentleman of a later and more studiously elegant epoch. The suave repose of his manner was immovable. When his second wife lay dying, he came in to see her, stepping softly, hat in hand. Though she was expiring, her fading eye lit up at the sight of him.

"Qu'il me serait doux de mourir dans vos bras," she murmured.

He held her as she wished till she died, then went out again, stepping softly, hat in hand. One of his spiteful chroniclers—a woman, needless to say—suggests that he was off to a rendezvous with the lady of the moment, and that the graceful manner in which he bore the delay caused by his wife's death was proof of the perfect breeding of one of the finest gentlemen in Europe.

PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

London Free Press.

Billy Jones wrote on the blackboard: "Billy Jones can hug the girls better than any boy in school."

The teacher, seeing it, called him up. "William, did you write that?"

"Yes, ma'am," said Billy.

"Well, you can stay after school," said she.

The children waited for Billy to come out, when they began to guy him. "Got licken', didn't ye?"

"Nope," said Bill.

"Get jawed?"

"Nope."

"What did she do?" they asked.

"Shan't tell," said Bill, "but it pays to advertise."

CARNEGIE'S FOOLISH THREATS.

Toronto Globe.

Andrew Carnegie seems incapable of understanding that threats from him are not only ridiculous but ineffective. He writes to inform a British member of parliament that a preferential tariff to Canada would change feeling considerably in the United States. He seems to forget that the United States depends in international matters quite as much on Great Britain as Great Britain does on it.

Hosiery Sale Friday

Spencer's
Western Canada's Big Store.

January Clothing Sale Commences Friday

1,300 Men's Suits and Overcoats

January Sale Prices, $3.75, $6.75, $9.75

Regular Prices Up to $22.50

OUR GREATEST CLOTHING OFFERING

Your choice of any Suit or Overcoat in the store, at.....$3.75, $6.75 or $9.75
$3.75 for Suits or Overcoats; regular prices... ...$5.00, $5.75, $6.75 and $7.50
$6.75 for Suits or Overcoats; regular prices.....$10.00 and $12.50
$9.75 for Suits or Overcoats; regular prices.....
.....$13.50, $15.00, $16.50, $17.50, $20.00 and $22.50

Friday the Great Bargain Day of the Week

Ladies' Flannelette Blouses
FRIDAY, 25c. EACH.

Hosiery Sale
Plain Cashmere Hose, sizes 4 and 4-2. Regular price, 25c. January sale, 12½c. pair.

50c. Hose For 35c.
Boy's Heavy Feet, Soft English Wool and Worsted Hose, wide ribbed. Regular price, 50c. January sale, 35c. pair.
Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose. Regular price, 50c. January sale, two pair for 75c.
Ladies' 1-1, 2-1, 4-1 Ribbed Cashmere Hose; a mixed lot. Regular, 50c. January sale, 35c. pair.
Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hose. January sale, 25c. pair.

Shoe Sale Friday and Saturday
Women's Lace Shoes for winter wear, Dongola. Heavy sole. Regular, $2.50. For $1.75.
Women's Lace Shoes, Dongola Kid; thin sole. Regular, $2.50. For $1.75.
Ladies' American Shoes (Menihane & Gilchrist) Dongola lace, patent tips, medium sole, military heel. Regular, $3.50. For $2.25.
Ladies' Box Calf Shoes, laced, medium sole. Regular, $3.00. For $2.50.
Ladies' Dongola Laced Shoes, Goodyear welt. Regular, $3.50. For $2.50.
Odd makes in our $4.00 Shoes for $3.00.
Laird Schober's $7.50 Waterproof Shoes. Sale price, $4.50 pair.

Boys' Shoes
Boys' Box Calf Shoes, heavy soles, size, 11-13. Price, $1.45.
Boys' Standard Screw Shoes, size 11 to 13. Price, $1.25.
Boys' Screw Shoes, size 1 to 5. Price, $1.50.
Boys' Box Calf Shoes, size 1 to 5. Price, $1.60.
Boys' Extra Heavy Shoes, nailed, size 11-13. Price, $1.50.
Boys' Extra Heavy Shoes, nailed, size 1 to 5. Price, $1.75.

Girls' Shoes
Laced Pebble Shoes, size 11 to 2. Price, $1.25.
Oil Grained. Price, $1.25.
Box Calf. Price, $1.50.
Heavy Kid. Price, $1.50.
Tables of shoes at 50c., 75c. and $1.00, odd lines.

Men's Shoes
Men's Buff Shoes, standard Screw, whole foxed. While they last, $1.75 pair.
Men's Standard Buff Shoes. Price, $1.75.
Men's Box Calf, Leather lined. Regular, $3.00. For $2.10.
Men's Comfort Shoes, wide toe. Regular, $3.00. For $2.50.
Men's Double Sole Shoes, Dongola and Box Calf. Regular, $3.50 and $4.00. For $2.75.

Misses' Coats in the Newest Styles

Price Reductions
$17.50 Coats. Friday, $8.50.
$12.50 Coats. Friday, $7.50.
$10.00 Coats. Friday, $6.50.
$5.00 Coats Friday, $3.75.
$1.75 Coats. Friday, $1.25.

Black, Navy and Mixed Tweed Costumes
ALL REDUCED.
$25.00 and $30.00 Costumes for $15.00.
$35.00 Costumes for $17.50.
68 Pieces of French Flannels to choose from. Friday, at 25c. a yard.
All-Linen Table Cloths, two yards long, colored border, 50c. each.

Walking Skirts
Made to order and fitted. During this month at $1.65.
Sample styles shown in the Dress Goods department. The fit and making must, of course, be satisfactory before you pay for the garments.

Ribbed Underwear
Girls' Vests, 10c. qualities for 5c.
Girls' Vests, 20c. qualities for 10c.
Girls' Vests, 25c. qualities for 15c.
15c. for Ladies' Ribbed Wool Vests, short sleeves; a mixed lot. Regular, 25c. and 35c. qualities.

White Blankets
At $1.65, were $2.50; White Wool and Cotton Mixed Blankets; size, 60x80.
At $2.25, were $3.00; All-Wool Blankets; size 60x80.
At $2.90, were $3.75; All-Wool Blankets; size 66x72.
At $3.25, were $4.75, fine Super Wool Blankets; size 70x80.
At $3.90, were $5.75, fine Super Wool Blankets; size 70x80.

Four Great Offerings in Dress Goods
At 25c., Flaked Tweeds, were 50c.
At 50c., Fancy Tweeds, were $1.00.
At 55c., Homespuns, were $1.25.
At 65c., Hopsackings, etc., were $1.25 and $1.50 yard.

Belt Buckles and Sets on Sale Friday
At 10c.—Buckles and Sets. Were 25c., 35c. and 50c.
At 25c.—Buckles and Sets. Were 50c., 75c. and $1.00.
In Gilt, Oxidized Enamel and Gun Metal.

PERSONAL.

"Miss Agnes E. Dier, who will have charge of the musical department of Kamloops College, arrived from Victoria on Saturday morning. Miss Dier is an accomplished pianist, is a gold medalist of the Victoria Conservatory of Music and of Moulton College, and was a pupil of Herr Pele Storck, of Victoria."—Inland Sentinel.

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R. C. Hunt, representing Schlesinger & Bender, of San Francisco, is in the city. He states that he is more than satisfied with the prospect of doing business here. While in the city he is making his headquarters at the Dominion.

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C. E. Hall and wife, Mrs. Neas, Miss Neas and Master Neas, and W. J. Hall, all of Seattle, are registered at the Victoria hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Hall intend taking up their residence in this city for a time.

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J. T. Martin, of the Syracuse Smelting Works, Seattle; I. Thompson, of Poplar Creek; and C. R. McLachlan, of Winnipeg, are among the guests at the Dominion.

J. B. Ballentine, who is connected with the Seattle branch of the Scranton correspondence schools, is in the city on business, and is a guest at the Dominion.

A. H. Wallbridge, T. J. Stephens and W. W. Boultbee, of Vancouver; and R. L. McIntosh, of Port Essington, are guests at the Victoria hotel.

Capt. W. E. Draney, who arrived from Namu some time ago and left here for Seattle on a holiday, has returned. He is at the Dominion.

Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police, has sufficiently recovered from an attack of la grippe to resume his duties at his office.

Ralph Smith, M. P., of Nanaimo, is spending a few days in the city.

H. McLean, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

The famous Sevres dessert service which is kept in cabinets in the green drawing room at Windsor, and in which President Loubet was most interested, is probably worth about £80,000. The service was bought by George IV. when Prince of Wales, for quite a small sum. It passed on his death, in accordance with his will, to William IV., who generously made it over to the crown instead of keeping it as his own private property, which he could have done if so disposed.

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GREEK MEETS GREEK.

Dealer—"Here is a cigar that I can conscientiously recommend."

Customer—"Excuse me, but I'll try some other brand. I was formerly in the business myself."

AFTER THE HONEYMOON.

Ernie—"So Mabel and Jack eloped?"

Helen—"Yes, and they did just what I thought they would do."

Ernie—"Wrote home for forgiveness?"

Helen—"No, wrote home for money."

RUBBING IT IN.

Softleigh—"I—aw—never trouble myself to—aw—think, doncher know."

Miss Cutting—"Well, I don't think that anyone thinks you think."

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City News in Brief.

—Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

—Another nice six-roomed cottage just completed, is being offered at a bargain by H. T. Knott, 18 Caledonia avenue. May be had on installment plan.

—Erskine "combines" pleasure in supplying best groceries at lowest cash prices, with profit to the consumer. Telephone 106, corner Johnson and Quadra streets.

—The Psychic Research Society will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers this evening at 8 o'clock in Caledonia hall, Blanchard street. The members are urgently requested to attend.

—For thirty days we are making a large reduction in the price of overcoats. No reason why you should freeze, so call and see our large stock of fashionable overcoatings, purchase one and keep warm. Also reduction in price of suits and pants. Kinnaird, The Cash Tailor, 62 Johnson street.

—Last evening at the K. of P. hall a meeting of the Juvenile Foresters was held, when officers were installed for the ensuing term as follows: J. P. C. R., D. W. Webster; chief ranger, Vic Williams; sub-chief ranger, N. L. Croghan; senior woodward, R. L. Foster; junior woodward, W. J. Etheridge; senior beadle, L. Redgrave; junior beadle, Reg. Sargison. The ceremony was conducted by P. C. R., W. Wriglesworth and A. P. Mansell, of Court Vancouver. After the transaction of business those present adjourned to the dining-room, where a pleasant social evening was spent.

—Through the kindness of many friends Alfred Peat, who has been such a great sufferer with rheumatism, has been sent to the mud baths at Paso Robles, Cal. He is progressing as favorably as can be expected under the circumstances, his case being a very complicated one and of long standing. Today his little girl is lying dangerously ill with pneumonia. A benefit concert in Semple's hall, Victoria West, in their behalf has been arranged for Friday evening of this week, for which an excellent and unique programme has been prepared. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend, and thus assist in the good work that is being done to help this deserving family. Full particulars will be published in to-morrow's Times.

—At the regular monthly meeting of the Friendly Help Association the treasurer reported that the Christmas committee had sent out over 80 boxes, containing groceries, meat and new clothing to help make cheer for those who otherwise would have had a very poor Christmas. She also reported that 25 applicants had been helped during the month to clothing, groceries and meat. Donations of old clothing are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. R. Croft, Mrs. P. Gordon, Mrs. Withrow, Miss Hunt, Mrs. Camsusa (Yates street), Mrs. E. H. King, Capt. Norrison, Miss Angus, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. (Capt.) O'Lacy, Mrs. C. E. Lenz, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. James Angus, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Reade, Mrs. White, Master Hodge, Mrs. Rielson, Mrs. Bishop, Master H. R. Coldwell, Mrs. Loat, M. Crowther, Eva McDougall, A Friend, F. Angus, Mrs. Hartnell, Mrs. C. E. Renouf, Mrs. W. A. Ward, Mrs. B. Boggs, Mrs. E. Dickenson, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Wollaston, Mrs. Pineo, Mrs. J. A. McTavish, Mrs. D. Fraser, Mrs. W. Wilson, Miss M. Adams and Lady Crease; baby carriage from Mrs. A. Wolfenden.

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Successors to P. C. MacGregor & Co.,
NO. 2 VIEW STREET.

—January resolution to be adopted! To buy grocery supplies for cash at rock bottom prices from Erskine's grocery, corner Johnson and Quadra streets.

—W. H. Adams, sporting goods store, beg to inform their friends and customers that they have removed to 104 Government street, opposite B. C. market.

—Don't forget the night of the fortnightly dances held in the A. O. U. W. hall has been changed from Friday to Thursday, commencing Thursday, January 7th.

—There is a scarcity of coal in Seattle and dealers will meet some time this week to formulate, if possible, a plan for securing a sufficient supply to meet the local demands.

—Misrepresentations by employees and use of my name freely to obtain trade is being made by other grocers. The discerning public are hereby notified that there is only one Erskine's grocery. The location is corner Johnson and Quadra streets, and the telephone call is No. 106.

—Chief Langley has received word from the sheriff of Anacortes to the effect that he intended to prosecute St. Elmo and Gove, the two swindlers who lifted several hundred dollars from Victoria merchants on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The pair must have been operating in Anacortes.

—A logger operating on land within the E. & N. railway belt has shipped a boom of 600,000 feet of timber to the United States under the schedule brought in by the new Land Act. The intention is to make a test of the operations of the act for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the firm can continue business under it.

—Under the direction of Jules Murry, Marie Wainwright and company will present the delightful Shakespearean production, "Twelfth Night," at the Victoria theatre next Monday night. Miss Wainwright has the reputation of being one of the most talented actresses on the American stage, and has been associated with the production of some of the most pronounced dramatic successes. The play will be superbly mounted and splendidly cast.

—The principal and staff of the Girls' Central school beg to announce that there will be a public presentation of diplomas to the 15 successful candidates at the recent High school entrance examination in the assembly hall of the old High school on Friday afternoon, the 8th inst., at 2.30. A short musical programme will be rendered, and the promotion list to entrance class of the school read. Trustees, clergy, parents and general public are cordially invited to be present.

—A pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Victoria hotel when Mr. A. Woodward and Miss Kate Zachan, of Seattle, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony, which took place at 4.30 o'clock, was performed by Rev. H. J. Wood. The newly married couple will leave to-night for the Sound. Mr. Woodward is well-known in Victoria. He was formerly manager of the Delmonico hotel, Port Townsend, and is now connected with the Hotel Seattle.

—Rev. Mark Guy Pearse left last evening for Vancouver. From the latter city he will travel to the Sound, visiting Seattle and Tacoma. Portland will also be included in his itinerary, as well as San Francisco. It is not expected that Rev. Mr. Pearse will go any farther south. The trip east will be made from 'Frisco. His tour of the United States will probably occupy about three months. The tour of Canada was most successful. Rev. Mr. Pearse set out with the intention of raising in the neighborhood of £1,000 in the Dominion for the assistance of the work among the poor of London. When he left Victoria yesterday he had succeeded in securing the amount. On Friday last Rev. Mr. Pearse delivered a lecture on "The Old Folks at Home" at Duncans before a large audience.

—At the meeting of the Eagles held last night D. D. G. P., J. M. Hughes, installed the following officers for the year: Worthy past president, W. E. Wheeler; worthy president, Joseph Wachter; worthy chaplain, H. J. Grake; worthy secretary, F. LeRoy; worthy treasurer, M. O'Keefe; conductor, Jos. Ratcliffe; inside guard, Sheff Thompson; outside guard, P. Christianson; trustees, Thos. F. Gold, A. W. Von Rhein and Geo. Howard; Aerie physician, Dr. Joseph Gibbs. Much regret was expressed by the Aerie at their inability to install the worthy vice-president elect, F. V. Robertson, on account of his serious illness. Reassuring reports, however, were received from the Jubilee hospital, and the Aerie hopes soon to have the opportunity of installing him. During the evening the new officers entertained those present with refreshments, and after business had been disposed of the Aerie went into social session. Many talented visiting members were present. A gratifying report came in from the committee having in hand arrangements for the annual masquerade ball, new features have been suggested, and the affair is shaping into proportions never before attempted. Particulars will be published later.

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Three-quarter Length Black Overgaiters, good strong cloth, well-finished and leather stayed backs, 10 buttons, 75c.
Leggings, in all lengths, from $1.25 to $2.00.
Men's English Spats
All colors, $1.25 to $2.75.
Keep your ankles warm—it doesn't cost much and may save a doctor's bill.
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—The Y. M. C. A. debate was not held last night, the members of the society being desirous of attending the lecture by Rev. Mr. Pearse.

—This is a cosmopolitan age in which we live—an age in which men travel on both business and pleasure. Have you considered how important it is when you may have to take a journey to the Yukon, to China and Japan, or to the torrid zone, that you should have a world wide policy, under which you have complete freedom of travel, residence and occupation? In most life insurance companies a man is required to obtain a permit and pay an extra premium for these privileges, but in the old reliable Mutual Life of Canada you have complete freedom of travel and residence without extra cost. For rates and information apply to R. L. Drury, provincial manager, 34 Broad street.

Watch the Army and Navy Clothing Store's announcement of the Fire Sale in Friday and Saturday's issues.

—John Baird, Port Renfrew, has been appointed a preventive officer by the customs department.

—Another candidate for alderman for North Ward has announced himself in the person of R. D. Finlayson. Mr. Finlayson is a well known Victorian belonging to one of the oldest families in the city.

Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Bracer. Clam Cocktails, K. P. C. Wine. Try them

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First Friday Bargain Day in 1904

Friday of this week will be an eventful day for shoppers at this store. It is the fourth day of our January Sale, and the First Friday Bargain Day of the New Year. We're making our Bargain offerings worthy of the occasion, and there'll be unbounded satisfaction for those who come and share our Friday Bargains to-morrow.

Remnants
All Remnants of Woollen, Cashmere, Serge, Lustres and Fancy Crepons, that sell in the ordinary way from 75c. to $1.00 a yard. FRIDAY 25c

Wool Boas
Children's White Lambs' Wool Boas, splendid value at the regular price, 35c. FRIDAY 25c

Underskirts
Ladies' Striped Mercerized Sateen Underskirts, with wide flounces, daintily frilled. Regular values $2.00 to $2.50. FRIDAY..... $1.50

Silkoline
Fancy Art Silkoline, 36 inches wide, the best draping material made, a good washing fabric. Regular value 18c. a yard. FRIDAY 10c

Table Linen
Full Bleached Linen Table Damask, 54 inches wide. Regular value 50c. yard. Friday, 35c. Unbleached. Regular 30c. FRIDAY 22½c

Millinery
All Imported Pattern Hats, from London, Paris and New York, that sold in the usual way from $17.50 to $25.00. FRIDAY.. $8.50

Suitings
Ladies' Suitings, in Cheviot, Diagonal, Serge, Venetian Cloth and Fancy Suitings. Regular values $1.00 to $1.75 a yard. FRIDAY.. 50c

Raincoats
Ladies' Stylish Heptonette Raincoats, three-quarter style. Sale price $3.75. Full length style; regular values $7.75 to $9.00. FRIDAY $5.00

Wrappers
Ladies' Stylish Flannelette Wrappers, with and without flounce, handsomely trimmed. Regular values $1.75 to $2.25 each. FRIDAY $1.25

Comforters
Wadded Comforters, covered with fancy English Art Muslin, large size. Regular value $2.25 each. FRIDAY $1.65

French Flannels
All-Wool French Flannels, in fancy stripes and spots, good colorings, guaranteed fast. Regular values 40c. to 50c. yard. FRIDAY..... 20c

Silk Gloves
Ladies' Silk Evening Gloves, in all sizes, elbow and shoulder length, all colors, in plain and lace tops. Regular values 75c. to $1.00 pair. FRIDAY 45c

Coatings
Reversible Cloth for Coats and Skirts, Astrachans in all colors. Regular values $1.50 to $2.90 a yard. FRIDAY $1.00

Waterproofs
Ladies' Waterproofs, rubber lined, not this season's styles, but good, serviceable garments. Regular values $6.00 to $11.25. FRIDAY $1.50

Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Fine Fancy Lawn Handkerchiefs with Hemstitched Hems. Regular value 5c. each, but worth more. OUR PRICE ON FRIDAY 3 for 10c

Table Cloths
Full Bleached Linen Table Cloths, size 2 by 2½ yards, good designs, satin finished. Regular value $1.75 each. FRIDAY..... $1.25

Men's Sweaters
Men's Heavy All-Wool Sweaters, in Navy, Cardinal; also Black and Cardinal Mixture. Regular values $1.00 to $1.25 each. FRIDAY 50c

Kid Gloves
10 dozen left of those Real French Kid Gloves for Ladies, all colors, but only in sizes 5½, 5¾, 6, 6¾, 7, 7¼ and 7½. Regular Value $1.25. TO CLEAR FRIDAY 35c

Hundreds of Bargains in Every Department.
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88½ DOUGLAS STREET,
STOCK TAKING SALE
Commencing Thursday, Jan. 7th, 1904
ALL GOODS WILL BE
Sold at Half Price
FOR BALANCE OF THIS MONTH ONLY
Ladies' and Gent's Underwear, Hosiery, Shirts, Collars, Umbrellas, Neckties, Belts, Gloves,
DRESS GOODS
Sheeting, Blankets, Curtains, Etc., Etc.
All Goods that were $1.00 now 50c, 50c now 25c, 20c now 10c, 10c now 5c.
Call and Examine Goods and we will convince you that we do as advertised. Remember the place
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PEEK FREAN'S FANCY MIXED BISCUITS, per lb. 15c.
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Whose eyes are bright and step elastic, and who walks as though he owned half the town, you can make up your mind that he bought his Xmas gifts from us.
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STRICTLY FRESH EGGS, per dozen 40c.

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HOCKEY.

AT OAK BAY.

At the Oak Bay grounds on Saturday a match will be played between the Victoria and Royal Engineer teams. D. M. Rogers will act as referee, and the game will commence promptly at 2.45 o'clock.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

COLUMBIAS v. Y. M. C. A.

On Saturday a league match will be played between the Columbia and Y. M. C. A. teams. The game will take place at Beacon Hill and will commence at 2.45 o'clock. The teams will be published later.

WHIST.

J. B. A. A. TOURNAMENT.

The usual J. B. A. A. whist tournament takes place at the club house at 8 o'clock this evening. A large attendance is desired.

ATHLETICS.

TOURNEY TO-NIGHT.

A naval tournament will take place this evening at the Philharmonic hall. There will be three boxing exhibitions and a wrestling match. H. M. S. Grafton band will be in attendance.

CURLING.

THE AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, Jan. 6.—The annual curling contest for the Gordon medal, which represents the rink championship of America, took place to-day at the Hoboken skating rink. Seven teams competed. The Utica, N. Y., club, which has held the medal for two successive years, was beaten in the finals by the Thistles, of New York, 18 to 10.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

MATCH POSTPONED.

"At a meeting of the executive committee of the Vancouver Rugby Football Club on Tuesday night, it was decided to agree to Nanaimo's request for a postponement of the game which was to have been played here next Saturday. After all it may be just as well that the game should not take place this week, as it will give the local men more time to get back into proper form again. Nanaimo will be stronger than when playing on December 19th, and as both teams will be more than anxious to capture the next game a fine battle may be expected. If Vancouver wins again she is sure of the championship for another season, but if Nanaimo should succeed in beating the home team, she has a good chance for the cup, considering that her next game will be on her own grounds with Victoria."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

MATCH ON SATURDAY.

On Saturday a match will be played at the Caledonia grounds between Victoria and the United Service. The game will commence at 3 o'clock.

BASKETBALL.

THE LADIES GAME.

Last evening members of the Victoria Young Ladies' Basketball Club held a practice game at the drill hall. There was a good attendance. The ladies are in good form for the match to be played on Saturday evening with a New Westminster ladies' team, and are confident of the result. The game will commence at 8.45 o'clock, and will be played at the drill hall. After the match a banquet will be tendered members of the visiting team and their friends.

The New Westminster correspondent of the News-Advertiser says: "The young ladies' basketball team will go down to the capital on Friday prepared to take the scalp of the Victoria girls' team. The Westminster colors will be worn by the following team: Miss Eunice Pride, centre; Miss E. Hoffard and Miss Gertrude Alcock, forwards; Miss Ella W. Johnson and Miss Susie Hoffard, backs; Miss Ella Pringle and Miss Marion Fraser, spare; and Mrs. C. S. Keith, chaperone. The team will take the boat from Vancouver on Friday afternoon. C. Wales has been agreed upon as referee. The girls will take their trainer, Tim Mahoney, with them as mascot.

Countess de la Warr was recently at Horsham, Eng., fined 40s. and costs for driving a motor at an excessive speed. The police allege that Her Ladyship drove at the rate of twenty-three miles an hour.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

VANCOUVER.

Another part of the work of Lake Beautiful, carried on by the Vancouver Power Company, was completed on Saturday night. That was the big dam, which will hold back the waters of the lake and raise its level several feet. This part of the construction is, perhaps, next to the tunnel itself, the largest of the undertaking. It is 300 feet in length, 50 feet in depth and 40 feet in width at the bottom, tapering to ten feet at the top. It is built on solid concrete, with a foundation on the native mountain rock. The building of the dam was begun a year or more ago. Very soon the whole initial part of the work will be completed, and it will only remain to finish the tunnel connecting Lakes Beautiful and Coquitlam before all of the 30,000 horse-power will be available.

Lee Jak was convicted in the police court of stealing light from the B. C. Electric Railway Company's power house. Accused is an actor in the Chinese theatre, and after leasing a certain room had, without the knowledge of the company, substituted a 16 candle power lamp for one of six candle power. The Chinaman's wife appeared in evidence and said she had made the change, and finding that the 16 candle light was better for threading needles by, had been quite willing to leave it there. Lee Jak's evidence differed somewhat from that of his spouse. The magistrate sentenced him to 30 days with hard labor. Mr. Macdonell, who appeared for the accused, said he should appeal against that sentence. The magistrate said that if an appeal were entered, prisoner would be allowed bail on two sureties finding $50 each.

Miss Mabel Eldridge, youngest daughter of Mr. C. C. Eldridge, appraiser of customs in this city, and Mrs. Eldridge, passed away on Tuesday morning after a short illness, pneumonia being the cause of death. Deceased had barely reached her twentieth year.

Chief of Police North, in his annual report to the city clerk, points out the growing need of more patrolmen, and particularly suggests the advisability of installing a patrol box system similar to that in use in large cities.

The clearing of the right-of-way for the Britannia mines aerial tram line for the transportation of ore from the mines to the beach on Howe sound has been completed and preliminary work toward the construction of a wharf is to be undertaken forthwith. The wharf to be constructed will be located not far from the mouth of Britannia creek.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The first regular business meeting of the city council for 1904 was held Monday night. Before proceeding to the business of the meeting the mayor addressed the council, extending a welcome to the incoming aldermen, and suggesting an outline for the steps to be taken during the present year. This was received by the aldermen with applause. The following is the arrangement of the chairmen for the standing committees during the year: Finance, Ald. Forrester; light, Vanstone; board of works (bridge), Wilson; water and sewerage, Adams; fire and ferry, Shiles; police and health, Holmes; markets and parks, Sinclair. In the expected absence of the mayor on civic business Ald. Vanstone was elected to act.

Word comes from Agassiz of the finding there of the body of a half-breed boy named Williams, about twelve years of age. The youngster went hunting the other day and had a "22" rifle. That night the dogs, which had accompanied him, returned home alone and a search was at once started, which resulted in the finding of the body. It is thought that the rifle went off while the boy was going through the woods and the bullet passed through the brain. Capt. Pittendrigh did not deem an inquest necessary, but calls attention to the danger of allowing young boys to carry firearms.

NELSON.

The congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church has extended a call to Rev. J. Ferguson, of Cupar, Scotland. The reverend gentleman stands high in his calling, and the Presbyterians of Nelson hope he will see his way clear to accept the call.

The new foundry building is now rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for occupancy very soon. The frame of the new shingle mill is erected and part of the machinery has been installed.

I do not care to talk about politics, as I think we have too much of them already. We in the Kootenays should let politics alone for the time being and give our earnest and undivided attention to mining." The above was the answer made by Smith Curtis, ex-minister of mines, when asked by a News representative if he had anything to say regarding the political situation. Continuing, Mr. Curtis said: "I say this for the reason that the mining outlook for the year 1904 is better than it ever has been in the history of the province. Asked as to how the affairs of the Oro Denoro, in which he is interested, are progressing, he said: "We have two quarries opened up and expect at an early date to arrange contracts for the smelting of the output of both, which is about 200 tons a day. This quantity may be increased. In the early spring, when we get a spur from the C. P. R. to our lower workings, it is likely that two or three ore bodies there, one of which has been crosscut by a tunnel for a distance of 40 feet, will be opened up. When this is done the Oro Denoro will be able to extract between 400 and 500 tons a day. The returns on the 15,000 tons of ore which we have already marketed, have been very satisfactory on account of its carrying a large excess of magnetic iron over silica. For this reason we are given a handsome allowance by the smelters, making the freight and treatment charges largely nominal and insuring a very nice profit. Unless something untoward happens, it should be only a few months before the mine will be placed on a dividend paying basis."

AN EMBARRASSING ORDEAL.

It was diffident, Mr. Dodd's one opportunity to hear a famous preacher in an equally famous church, so, although he knew that he should be obliged to leave the pews shortly before 12 o'clock in order to catch his train, he decided to hear as much as possible of the service. The usher ignored the visitor's whispered plea for an inconspicuous seat, and proceeded to escort him up the broad centre aisle—which timid Mr. Dodd remembered ever afterwards as being about four miles long—to a seat only three rows from the front.

Long before time for the sermon, poor Mr. Dodd began to nerve himself for the long trip down the aisle.

It was 12 o'clock, and the sermon was well under way before the troubled listener finally managed to summon sufficient courage to make a start. Rising cautiously to his feet, he faced the congregation, and began to tip-toe down the aisle. Before he had taken three steps, he discovered to his horror that his left shoes was creaking with an enormous creak that increased in volume with every step, to the visible amusement of the congregation.

His countenance became suffused with blushes. It was not a warm day, but by the time Mr. Dodd had reached the door, perspiration stood in beads on his forehead and his collar showed signs of wilting. As the door closed behind him he gave a long sigh of relief and unburdened himself to a loiterer in the vestibule.

"By the Lord Harry!" he exclaimed, as he mopped his crimson brow, "I wouldn't do that again for a thousand dollars!"

But he had to do it for less than that. The very next moment the color receded from his countenance, and he turned pale and green.

"By Jove!" he groaned, "I've got to go back after my hat!"—Leslie's Monthly.

GIBRALTAR HARBOR.

Many plans were put forward for adapting Gibraltar to the needs of the fleet, and it was decided to form a harbor and create a dockyard on the west side of the rock, where our power has been so long established. A plan was presented to parliament in 1895, involving an expenditure of £1,435,000, being £1,074,000 for the harbor moles, and £361,000 for a dry dock, to be built in the southern angle of the harbor between the so-called New Mole and the shore. This scheme was sanctioned and embodied in the Naval Works Act of that year. It was revised, however, in 1896, when the new government, having in view the growing needs of the fleet, and the contemplated increase of force in the Mediterranean, proposed that three docks should be constructed instead of one, raising the expenditure upon that head to £2,674,000, and increasing the total cost to £3,748,000. But, even with this great expenditure, the scheme was not complete, for in the next year a further sum of £669,000 was demanded for the Commercial Mole on the north side of the harbor, of which, however, four-sevenths are to be repaid by the colony of Gibraltar in the form of an annuity of £14,000 per annum for 57 years from the opening of the mole for use—presumably in 1903-4—which annuity will be credited as an appropriation in aid of the votes. It will, perhaps, not be over-stating the case to say that the total outlay upon these vast works will approximate to £6,000,000 before they are completed.—Page's Magazine.

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Victoria	9.00	12.06 Victoria	3.00	7.00
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46 Shawnigan Lake	4.20	5.40
Duncans	11.00	10.02 Duncans	5.00	5.00
Ladysmith	11.57	9.10 Ladysmith	6.05	4.00
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FRUIT GROWERS HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETING

Permanent Officers Elected and Interesting Papers Read by Members of the Organization.

The district fruit growers have now effected a permanent organization. Some time ago the preliminary meetings were held and the necessary by-laws and constitutions adopted. Now the association has the stock subscribed and have held their first general meeting.

The following were elected the permanent officers: Thos. Bryden, president; A. Strachan, 1st vice-president; A. Stewart, 2nd vice-president; and J. C. Grant, secretary-treasurer.

The association passed the following resolution:

Whereas, a large percentage of the jams and jellies labelled "genuine or pure," which are offered for sale within this province, are adulterated:

And whereas, the low prices quoted on these articles secure for them a ready sale to the disadvantage of the pure article:

And whereas, the interests of the manufacturers of pure goods, the fruit growers and the public generally are thereby injured:

Therefore be it resolved, That this association urgently requests the representatives of British Columbia in the Dominion House to use their influence with the government in securing the immediate enforcement of the Pure Foods Act.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the provincial representatives, and the co-operation of the Provincial Horticultural Society and the Boards of Trade be solicited in support of this movement, and that the provincial government be asked to assist.

A committee was appointed to carry out the objects arrived at in the resolution.

R. M. Palmer read a paper on shipping fruit. He advised those who could to get a list of the fruit dealers in the Northwest and Manitoba from the Dominion Express agent. He tabulated the necessary qualifications in shipping fruit as follows: 1. That it shall have carrying quality; 2. That it shall have a good appearance; 3. That it shall be put up in even grades, that is, honestly; 4. That it shall be in regular trade packages, marked with the name and quality of the fruit and the name and address of the grower; 5. That it shall be of as good quality as possible consistent with the preceding requirements. Packages—Apples in 45-lb. box; pears in 40-lb. box; plums in 20-lb. crate, 4 baskets; cherries in 10-lb. box, or 24 crates; crab apples in 50-lb. boxes; strawberries in crates; raspberries, bulk, in pails.

H. E. Tanner, M. P. P., read a very interesting paper on the culture of strawberries. He pointed out that success in that business, as in all others, required that the person should have a love for it, and not look only to the financial side. Experiments should be carried out to prove the best varieties, etc. As to the best soil for strawberries, he recommended a fairly light loam with a little sand, yet with good drainage and good location, success might be obtained from the stiffest clay, although naturally the latter required more careful preparation and a method of cultivation that was not necessary in lighter soil. He thought a northern slope best, thus avoiding the hot afternoon sun, which entailed a very great loss in a warm spell. It was not advisable to grow strawberries in low land, that is, land which is lower than the surrounding country, to avoid early spring frosts. The higher land was almost immune from this danger, while lower down fully 75 per cent. of the blossoms were frozen and the fruit was much inferior and misshapen.

The Magoon variety had been found the best for low lands.

In draining the land, which was regarded as a necessity, he advised using 3-inch tiles at an average depth of from 2 feet to 4 feet 6 inches. In the ordinary red land the drains were about 30 feet apart. In lighter soils it might be possible to put them 60 feet apart.

The ploughing under of clover sod was given as an excellent preparation, the only danger being that from wire worms. In his experience the plants were put in rows three feet apart and eighteen inches apart in the rows. Three crops were taken from them. A pea crop is sown and ploughed under as a preparation for a new bed. B fertilizer is also applied. Where barnyard manure is obtainable he preferred it as a fertilizer.

There was a necessity for planting firm varieties of fruit in order that they might be shipped without deterioration. For the local trade it was hard to beat the Improved Sharpless. Semple was also good, but soft; Clyde was very productive, but too soft, and is off color in the middle of season. Wm. Bell was a handsome berry, rich flavor, but required good treatment. For shipping the Magoon and Royal Sovereign were found to be the best. He was experimenting with other varieties, and might find something that would beat them. Clark's Early, the Wood River, Oregon, great shipping berries, were failures with growers here, too small and unproductive. The plants should be mulched with straw as soon as the berries began to form in order to keep the fruit clean and conserve the moisture in the soil. After fruiting the tops are cut off the plants and the soil cultivated with excellent results.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
29th December, 1903, to 5th January, 1904.

The weather has been abnormally mild throughout the province during the whole of the past week, and the rain and snowfall unusually light for this season of the year. Cloudy weather has prevailed and the winds have been much lighter than usual. Only one gale occurred on the 3rd off the entrance to the Columbia river, and that apparently was only local and quickly subsided. Moderate areas of low pressure passed over the upper portion of the province, and towards the close of the week an important area of very high pressure developed over the North Pacific slope and centred in Oregon. In this district there was only one frost, which occurred on the night of the 5th January. Light to moderate snow fell on the upper lands of the American plateau district, in eastern Oregon and Washington, and also on the upper Mainland in this province, some 5 inches being reported on the ground at Barkerville at the end of the week. On the evening of the 1st instant a very beautiful lunar corona was observed, there were several distinctly marked rings, the colors were brilliant and the display was unusually fine; these coronas are caused by the passage of light clouds between the moon and the spectator. In the Northwest a vast area of high barometric pressure developed over the entire region, accompanied by a decided cold wave, with minimum temperatures reaching to 32 degrees below zero; this, however, moderated by the 4th instant, and has been succeeded by warmer weather and a decrease of pressure, especially in the Territories. Hardly any snowfall occurred. Further north in the Yukon country the weather has been very much colder, with minimum temperatures at Dawson falling to 26 degrees below zero, while the highest temperature during the whole week was only 2 above zero.

At Victoria, there were only 5 hours of bright sunshine, 4 days being completely clouded; highest temperature, 47.3 on 3rd; lowest, 33.4 on 5th; rainfall, 0.28 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 46 on 30th; lowest, 30 on 5th; rainfall, 0.99 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 38 on 30th; lowest, 16 on 1st; rain and snow, 0.22 inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 36 on 30th; lowest, 6 on 1st and 4th; snowfall, 4 inches.

At Dawson, no snow; highest temperature, 2 below zero on 30th and 3rd; lowest, 26 below zero.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—G A Stone, J J Thompson, T Flewing, R N Goldrick, P Johnson, E T Ansbury, E E Bloomfield, S T Stewart, G P Ashe, C G Stewart, E Sharman, A D Taylor, A E Garett, N McLean, J MacKay, T Thomson, Mrs Freed, F Granger, Mrs Granger, F J Maxis, R Banfield, A Russell, Miss Rochester, Mrs Rochester, J T Rochester, Miss H Nicholas, R Cassidy, Miss May Sylvester, Miss Ruby Sylvester, W E Fisher, A Pyke, J A Sayward, Lt J Bush, G B Burnes, F J Fulton, F A Galbraith and wife, W Duck and wife, F M Rattenbury, E E Welsh, C R MacLaughlin, Miss F Walton.

GENERAL AND PRIVATE.

There are many stories told of Sir Evelyn Wood as of our other Generals. The Lady's Magazine has the following:

One day Sir Evelyn arrived at the railway station at Aldershot, dressed in mufti, and unattended. On the platform was a smart young private, who did not know him by sight, and failed to notice him.

"Come here, young man," said Sir Evelyn; "why don't you salute me?"

"Because I don't know who you are," replied Tommy.

"I am Sir Evelyn Wood," explained the General.

"Ha! ha!" replied Tommy, "if Sir Evelyn Wood heard you say that he'd soon punch your head for you."

POSER FOR SOLOMON.

"Could Solomon himself," exclaimed Judge Bacon at Bloomsbury, London, in granting leave to apply for a new trial, "have kept a jury straight with a woman on one side and a firm of solicitors on the other? Besides—I am told—the woman was very good-looking."



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TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1903.

(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Victoria, B. C., January, 1904.

Date.	High Water. Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Low Water. Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
	h.m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
1 ..					11 58	9.6	20 19	1.1
2 ..	5 09	7.5	6 54	7.5	12 38	9.8	20 58	0.7
3 ..	5 17	7.8	8 01	7.5	13 21	9.8	21 38	0.5
4 ..	5 34	8.1	9 10	7.5	14 07	9.6	22 19	0.6
5 ..	6 02	8.3	10 21	7.4	14 57	9.0	23 02	1.0
6 ..	6 38	8.5	11 36	7.1	15 54	8.3	23 47	1.7
7 ..	7 20	8.6	12 56	6.6	17 06	7.5	..	..
8 ..	0 36	2.6	7 58	8.5	14 15	5.9	18 37	6.6
9 ..	1 24	3.6	8 32	8.8	15 29	5.0	19 48	6.1
10 ..	2 10	4.6	9 03	8.9	16 36	4.2	23 24	5.9
11 ..	2 52	5.7	9 33	8.9	17 35	3.4	..	..
12 ..	2 16	6.5	3 27	6.5	10 04	9.0	18 24	2.7
13 ..					10 36	9.0	19 03	2.2
14 ..					11 10	9.0	19 40	1.8
15 ..	5 17	7.9	6 56	7.9	11 46	9.0	20 16	1.6
16 ..	5 50	8.1	7 46	7.9	12 27	8.9	20 51	1.5
17 ..	6 10	8.0	8 39	7.8	13 00	8.8	21 26	1.7
18 ..	6 22	8.0	9 15	7.6	13 38	8.5	22 01	1.9
19 ..	6 26	8.0	10 08	7.4	14 14	8.1	22 35	2.3
20 ..	6 32	8.0	11 08	7.2	14 48	7.7	23 09	2.7
21 ..	6 49	8.1	12 13	6.9	15 20	7.2	23 43	3.3
22 ..	7 14	8.1	13 24	6.5	16 24	6.7	..	..
23 ..	0 15	3.9	7 42	8.2	14 35	6.0	18 11	6.1
24 ..	0 41	4.6	8 08	8.2	15 30	5.4	20 16	5.8
25 ..	0 56	5.2	8 35	8.3	16 18	4.7	..	..
26 ..			8 57	8.5	17 04	3.9	..	..
27 ..			9 24	8.8	17 48	3.1	..	..
28 ..			9 58	9.1	18 39	2.4	..	..
29 ..			10 40	9.3	19 10	1.7	..	..
30 ..			11 32	9.5	19 49	1.2	..	..
31 ..	4 32	7.5	6 50	7.4	12 28	9.6	20 29	0.9

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor.

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

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LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.



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Municipal Election

MEETINGS

Public meetings will be held by the Candidates for the Mayoralty at the following times and places:

Semple's Hall, Victoria West, Thursday, Jan. 7.

South Ward School, Friday, Jan. 8.
North Ward School, Monday, Jan. 11.
Odd Fellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, Tuesday, Jan. 12.

All other Candidates are invited to attend. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.

THE MAYORALTY.

Organization Meeting.

A Meeting of the Supporters of

MR. G. H. BARNARD

Will be held on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, at 8 o'clock, at the rooms over the Army and Navy Cigar Store, corner of Government and Bastion streets.

All supporters of Mr. Barnard are invited to attend.

The Mayoralty

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

THE MAYORALTY

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

G. H. Barnard

School Trustee Electors.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of electors, I have decided to be a candidate at the coming election for School Trustees, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

D. SPRAGGE

To the Electors

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for School Trustee, and most respectfully request your vote and influence.

ROBT. MOWAT.

To the Electors of Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I shall seek re-election as a School Trustee.

BEAUMONT BOGGS

To the Electors of Victoria

I am a candidate for election as School Trustee. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.

EDWARD A. LEWIS.

To the Electors.

At the solicitation of a large number of electors, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for School Trustee in the approaching municipal election, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

P. J. RIDDELL.

Creditors' Notice.

IN THE MATTER OF ACHILLE BOSSI, DECEASED, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, AND OF PORTO CERESIO, COMO, ITALY, INTESTATE.

Letters of administration of the estate and effects of the intestate, within the province of British Columbia, have been granted to Leonard Calvert Mills, as Attorney-in-Fact of Francesca Maria Bossi, widow of the intestate, and for her use and benefit.

Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send by post or deliver to the said Leonard Calvert Mills, as such attorney as aforesaid, at the office of the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said Attorney for the said Francesca Maria Bossi will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Achille Bossi, deceased, are required to pay the same to the said Attorney within the period above mentioned.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1903.

S. PERRY MILLS,
51 Langley Street, Victoria,
Solicitor for the Attorney-in-Fact of the Said Francesca Maria Bossi.

To the Electors of Central Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for Alderman for the above Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN P. ELFORD,
30 Cadboro Bay Road.

To the Electors of Central Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of voters, I have decided to again become a candidate for election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

LAWRENCE GOODACRE.

To the Electors of Central Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for Alderman for above Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

A. STEWART.
Cor. Yates and Blanchard Sts.

To the Electors of Central Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the Central Ward and respectfully request your vote and influence at the coming election.

H. E. LEVY.

To the Electors of Central Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WM. HUMPHREY
163 Cadboro Bay road.

NOTICE.

Thanking my numerous friends who have kindly offered me their support at the forthcoming municipal elections, I have to announce that owing to private business demanding my attention I will be unable to be a candidate for South Ward.

G. J. MILNE

To the Electors of South Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the opening election.

F. W. VINCENT.

To the Electors of South Ward.

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for South Ward, and most respectfully request your votes and influence.

W. WILSON.

To the Electors of South Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the solicitation of a number of electors, I announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WM. PROUT.

To the Electors of South Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

JAMES A. DOUGLAS.
Fairfield road.

To the Electors of South Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

B. S. ODDY.

To the Electors of South Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

THOMAS I. WORTHINGTON

Municipal Election--South Ward

At the request of a number of the ratepayers, I have decided to stand for the above Ward, and respectfully request your support.

THORNTON FELL.

To the Electors of North Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a representative deputation of the electors, I am a candidate for the Aldermanic Board, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

W. F. FULLERTON.
January 4th, 1903.

To the Electors of North Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I beg to offer myself for re-election as one of your representatives on the Aldermanic Board at the forthcoming municipal elections, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

H. M. GRAHAME.

For Alderman

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers I have decided to present myself again this year as a candidate for Alderman for North Ward, and respectfully ask your support and influence.

ROBT. DINSDALE.

To the Electors of North Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for North Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the coming election.

JOHN KINSMAN

Municipal Notice

Municipal Elections, 1904.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7.30 p. m., in the manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for North Ward, in Room No. 9, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, in Room No. 7, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, in Room No. 5, Public Market Building, Cormorant street, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for, and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of five hundred dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

Municipal Notice

Election of School Trustees.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing four (4) persons as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District is eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid, from 9 a. m. to 7.30 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor, will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate, of which ever person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

"Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901."

Notice is hereby given that John McSweeny, of No. 81 Discovery street, in the City of Victoria, carrying on business as a grocer at No. 177 Douglas street, in the same city, has by assignment bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1903, pursuant to the above Act, assigned all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, unto Arthur Brenchley, of No. 120 Belleville street, in the same city, commission merchant.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1903.

YATES & JAY,
22 Bastion St., Victoria,
Solicitors for the Assignee.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quarts.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locatee may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims for either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or beach claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year, and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Hydraulic Mining, Yukon Territory.—Locations suitable for hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for twenty years, provided the ground has been prospected by the applicant or his agent; is found to be unsuitable for placer mining; and does not include within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of $150 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Territory are charged. Operations must be commenced within one year from the date of the lease, and not less than $5,000 must be expended annually. The lease excludes all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of unoperated land for agricultural or building purposes.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of $1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept., 1903.

JAMES A. SMART,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN TWAY, LATE OF LAKE DISTRICT, B. C., FARMER.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the said John Tway, who died on the 15th day of December, 1903, are required on or before the 28th day of January, 1904, to send to the undersigned full particulars of their claims. And further take notice that after such date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of distribution.

Dated the 28th December, 1903.

ARTHUR LEE,
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Administrator.

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—Two more appeals were disposed of by the Full court this morning. In Koppacher vs. Columbia Hydraulic Co. an appeal from Judge Henderson was allowed. A similar judgment was given in Centre Star Co. vs. Miners' Union, an appeal from Judge Forin. Esquimalt Waterworks vs. Victoria is now occupying the attention of the court.

—An assault case is under trial this afternoon before Magistrate Hall at the police court. The charge is made by W. S. Demaut, a naval officer, against Patrick Carroll, who is in charge of the E. & N. swing bridge. The trouble occurred a couple of days ago. It appears the plaintiff was crossing the bridge when his further progress was barred by closed gates. As the bridge was not moving at the time, he climbed over and was proceeding to town when stopped by Carroll and commanded to climb back. This request was ignored, and an assault is alleged to have resulted. F. T. Cornwall is appearing for the plaintiff and F. Higgins for the defendant.

BOUGHT FOR CUNARD LINE.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 7.—A 12,000 ton steamer, launched on the Clyde a few months ago and not named, has been bought by the Cunard line, according to the Standard, and will be refitted for the American service.

Watch the Army & Navy Clothing Store's announcement of the Fire Sale in Friday and Saturday's issues.

E. H. Harriman has been elected president of the Union Pacific Railway Company.

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COLUMBIA SOLD.

Negotiations for the purchase of the German dismasted barque Columbia, lying in Esquimalt, have been about completed. The vessel has been taken over in the name of the Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring & Contracting Company, and it is said that the price paid is in the neighborhood of $20,000. It is also stated that the big craft is to be converted into a lumber carrier, and will be operated in connection with the Chemainus mills.

The Columbia has lain at anchor in Esquimalt since April last when she was towed in from sea in a disabled condition with masts gone and looking the picture of distress. The Norwegian steamer Norman Isles picked the ship up off the island coast, and at once claimed salvage. The case awaited settlement for several months. The owners of the steamer, however, finally accepted $8,000, and then the question of what disposition to make of the ship confronted the owners of the Columbia. Freight rates were at low water mark, and there was no shipping business doing to warrant them going to a large expense in effecting repairs. Capt. Schwarting remained with the vessel, and the present sale has been carried out through him.

SHIPPERS WORRIED.

"Cablegrams from the London underwriters, which will be received here, are expected to show a decided advance in the war risk quotations now being placed on all cargoes, and vessels leaving this coast for the Asiatic coast," says the San Francisco Examiner. "The shippers here are becoming worried over the situation in the Far East, and all shipments are being covered by war risks. The merchants sending flour shipments are protecting themselves by taking out war risk policies as it is known that the flour is being stored in the warehouses of Japan in large quantities, and a shipment of flour would be seized by a Russian warship as being supplies for the enemy. During the past few months flour has been shipped in unusually large quantities from this coast to Japan and Siberia, but with the approach of war the export has fallen off."

THE KERR'S REPAIRS.

Vancouver has had a marine contract, and after reading a column or two of a descriptive article in the Vancouver Province on the immense undertaking, a new impression will be at once formed of the stateliness of the craft which has been so commonly termed the old coal hulk Robert Kerr. In referring to the huge contract, the Province says that "the work, which is the fitting of the vessel with a false keel throughout her entire length, is one of the biggest jobs of the kind ever performed on this coast. The Robert Kerr lost her forefoot and part of her stem through grounding on Baliuac island during a heavy fog several weeks ago."

MARINE NOTES.

Tug Albion left for the Sound this morning for the barge Alexander, which has been repaired on the ways at Ballard and put in good condition for service. Although a pioneer craft, the Alexander's timbers were found to be perfectly sound. The vessel was built at Port Simpson in early days, and there are few craft of her age in service.

LOTS OF TROUBLE.

A Bluejacket Resisted Arrest and Flourished an Axe Last Evening.

It was only after a desperate struggle that two bluejackets of H. M. S. Grafton, who planned to desert to the other side, were captured by the police last night. One of the constables making the arrest, J. Wood, certainly had an especially lively time, most of which would have been avoided had the captain of the Clallam responded to his request for assistance at a critical juncture in the affair. It would have rendered the dispatch of a squad of five constables as a reinforcement from the police station unnecessary, and would have saved a great deal of time and trouble.

Constable Wood, it appears, was at the Sound steamer's dock about 7 o'clock, where, as is the custom, he was to wait until the Clallam's departure. He noticed two men board the steamer whose appearance suggested that they were men-of-warsmen. He decided to investigate more thoroughly, and boarded the Clallam. The men secreted themselves in one of the closets, where they remained until ordered out by the purser at the constable's request. The latter was positive the men were deserters, and his suspicions were confirmed by the attitude of one of them when asked to go ashore. He refused and showed fight. The constable succeeded in getting one handcuff on him, but failed to match it, so vigorous a struggle did the sailor, a big, powerful fellow, put up.

Finding it impossible to get both bracelets on, the constable removed the one from the bluejacket's wrist, and, according to his account of the affair, appealed to the captain for assistance. The latter, he said, curtly told him to get some of his own men. The constable then ordered that the steamer be held in the name of the law, and the master had to comply. In the meantime the recalcitrant sailor had got hold of an axe and vowed that he would never be taken from the steamer alive. The officer, not wishing to use his revolver on the man, communicated with headquarters, and fire constables were sent to his assistance. When they arrived the pugnacious salt was flourishing the axe in a very threatening manner, and it was not until after a lively scrimmage that he was handcuffed. He and his mate, who, by the way, maintained a neutral attitude throughout, were taken to the police station. They were turned over to the naval authorities to-day. It is supposed that they felt confident of their ability to escape to Seattle, because of the success which attended the break made by Cupman, a fellow bluejacket, the other day.

LEGAL NOTES.

Applications Made in Chambers Before Mr. Justice Martin This Morning.

In Chambers this morning, before Mr. Justice Martin, the following applications were heard:

Parsons vs. B. C. Cold Storage. An application to sign judgment. The order was made. H. B. W. Aikman for plaintiff; F. S. Elliott for defendant.

Raymond M. & M. Co. vs. B. C. Cold Storage. Order made to sign judgment. J. H. Lawson for plaintiff; R. S. Elliott for defendant.

Harrison vs. McHugh. An application to sign judgment was withdrawn, leave being granted to bring a fresh application. W. J. Taylor for plaintiff; R. H. Pooley for defendant.

Rex vs. Chin Toy. An application for bail was stood over until to-morrow. Deputy Attorney-General Maclean for plaintiff; E. P. Davis, K.C., for defendant.

Re Bowman, deceased. Application made by E. E. Wootton to fix security. Amount was fixed at $2,000.

MARRIED IN VANCOUVER.

Mr. S. D. Schultz, of This City, Takes Unto Himself a Bride.

A well known Victorian became a benedict in Vancouver on Tuesday last, when Mr. S. D. Schultz was married to Miss M. Squarebriggs, for some time past a nurse in Burrard Sanitarium. The ceremony was performed at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. Mr. Laird, only intimate friends of the contracting parties being present. Mr. William Buck, of this city, supported the bridegroom, and Miss Tanner was bridesmaid. The happy event was the culmination of quite a romance, the acquaintance between the bride and groom having been formed when the latter was a patient in the hospital. The happy couple left on the steamer Ramona for the Sound on their honeymoon trip and before returning will take in Portland and other points of interest. They will make their home in the Terminal City, where Mr. Schultz will practice law. His many Victorian acquaintances extend to him and Mrs. Schultz their best wishes.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

Cashier Taken Into Custody, and Bank Has Closed Its Doors.

(Associated Press.)

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 7.—Cashier J. E. Marcell, of the Bank of Highlands, Kansas, charged with forgery, was arrested last night. The bank's doors were closed. Marcell has been a speculator on the Chicago Board of Trade.

ASSIGNED.

(Associated Press.)

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 7.—Charles B. Wade, for the last seven years cashier of the First National Bank of Pendleton, and one of the most prominent men in the state, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. It is estimated that Wade's liabilities are between $200,000 and $250,000. Mr. Wade has resigned his position as cashier of the bank, and is at his home stricken with nervous prostration. The bank is not affected.

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLODES.

Four Men Instantly Killed and Several Injured.

Penzance, Eng., Jan. 6.—Four men were killed and several were injured by an explosion at the nitro-glycerine department of the National Explosive Works, eight miles from here.

The whole district was enveloped in a cloud of black smoke, and nearly every window at St. Ives, three miles from the scene of the explosion, was shattered by the terrific force. Many windows were also smashed at Penzance.

SHOT BY HOLD-UP MAN.

Motorman Killed and Conductor Fatally Wounded When They Showed Fight.

(Associated Press.)

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 7.—John Gleason, motorman on a Consolidated street railway car, was shot and instantly killed, and Thomas Brighton, the conductor on the same car, was fatally shot by a masked highwayman, who was attempting to rob them. The assailant escaped without obtaining any booty. The shooting took place in a sparsely settled district. Instead of complying with the demand to hold up their hands, the car men showed fight.

ARCHITECT KILLED BY FALL.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 6.—C. L. Lindley, supervising architect, fell sixty feet to his death yesterday at the state capital.

Lindley was making an inspection of the locality where the flames originated when the floor gave way, precipitating him to the floor of the chamber of representatives. His skull was crushed.

ANOTHER COLLISION.

Three Railway Employees Killed—Panic Among the Passengers.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 7.—A motor train collided with a train of empty cars, and telescoped the rear car of the latter train, on which were the trainmen. The men were hurled from the car to the street. One had nearly every bone in his body broken, and another had his head crushed. A fire was started by the coals from the locomotive, and was added to the panic of the passengers, who fought desperately to escape from the wrecked cars. The dead, who were all employees of the road are: Geo. Cullig, yardmaster; James O'Brien, car coupler; Wm. H. Ferguson, foreman. None of the passengers were badly hurt.

OPENING OF THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Speech From the Throne—The New Speaker—Sudden Death at Winnipeg.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—Manitoba legislature opened this afternoon. It was the dullest one on record. Mr. James Johnson, Boissevain, will succeed Speaker Hespeler, who has retired. The standing of the House is: Liberals, 9; Conservatives, 31. The speech from the throne, delivered by Sir Daniel Hunter McMillan, K. C. M. G., Lieutenant-Governor, follows: "Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba:—I am pleased to welcome you to the first session of the eleventh legislature of this province. It is a matter for thankfulness that the prosperity of the province has continued during another year, and every sign points to further expansion and development. The continued success of the railway policy of my government is apparent, and it is occasion for congratulation that they have been able to reduce the rates on lines of railway in Manitoba to such an extent that a saving of at least one million dollars has been effected. My government views with approbation the movement for fiscal changes within the Empire, now being urged by the Right Hon. Jos. Chamberlain, and it is their belief that this policy, if inaugurated, would be of great benefit to the people of Manitoba and the West, and you will be asked to show your approval thereof by resolution. The public accounts for the year 1903 will be laid before you at an early date, and the estimates for the current year will shortly be submitted to you for consideration. It will be found that they have been framed with regard to the strictest economy possible, and with a view of the efficiency of the public service. You will be asked to consider acts to amend 'The Manitoba Trustee Act,' 'The Manitoba Joint Stock Companies Act,' 'The Surrogate Courts Act,' and 'The King's Bench Act.' These, and other measures which may come before you, I leave to your consideration, in the fullest confidence that they will be dealt with in such a manner as to promote the best interest of the people of Manitoba."

Spring-Like Weather.

There was a few minutes' shower of rain early this morning, and to-day the thermometer is above the freezing mark, the weather being quite spring-like.

Dropped Dead.

Stewart Munroe, who had been drinking heavily, dropped dead in the Exchange hotel last night. He had been engaged as cook at the Rat Portage Lumber Co. camps along Rainy river. He fought at Majuba Hill and was one of the Nile voyageurs.

Selling Liquor to Indians.

Indian Agent Semmens has left for Fort Alexandria to investigate the charge that persons are selling liquor to Indians.

Married Sixty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Treleaven, Pilot Mound, have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in Lucknow, Ont., on January 1st, 1844. Relatives from many points in Manitoba and Ontario were present.

Just Heard of Loss.

Rev. Father Hougonard, principal of the destroyed Indian industrial school in Qu'Appelle, arrived in the city from Otta, wa yesterday, via Chicago, and learned for the first time of the destruction of his charge. He was dumbfounded at the loss.

Leap Year Ball.

The bachelor maids of Winnipeg gave the first leap year ball of the season last night, two hundred couples being present.

CITY TREASURER ARRESTED.

Official of Haverhill, Mass., Is Charged With Larceny of $43,000 in Bonds.

(Associated Press.)

Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 7.—John A. Clines, city treasurer, was arrested this evening, charged with larceny of $43,000 in bonds from the city. The sinking fund commissioners discovered the shortage. The mayor at once summoned the treasurer, who, it is said, admitted that he had pledged the bonds in stock transactions. Clines was placed under arrest. He is prominent in many circles in this city. He has been treasurer and collector of taxes since 1890.

TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS.

Russian Minister Has Issued Precautionary Orders at Kishineff and Elsewhere.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Russian minister of the interior has made himself personally responsible to the Czar for the prevention of fanatical outbreaks against the Jews at Kishineff or elsewhere during the holidays, according to a private telegram received here from St. Petersburg by the National Zeitung. He has issued comprehensive precautionary orders.

BLACK SEA FLEET.

Russia Seeks Permission for Ships to Pass Through the Dardanelles.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 7.—A dispatch to the Patrie from Constantinople says: Russia is negotiating with Turkey to permit her Black Sea fleet, said to consist of seventy-six ships, to pass through the straits of the Dardanelles.

Watch the Army & Navy Clothing Store's announcement of the Fire Sale in Friday and Saturday's issues.

EXPERT WITNESS FOR THE DEFENCE

(Continued from page 1.)

Further continuing the examination, witness disagreed with the opinion of Dr. Culvert that a subject of alcoholic dementia might transact any business.

The symptoms enumerated in Dr. Culvert's evidence were quite likely to be met with in a man who had been subject to prolonged spree, for years, and who, about twenty-one days after this period, died after a two weeks' spree.

Having the necessary recognized qualities essential to making a will, including an understanding of the extent of his property, the claims of all on his bounty, and having no insane delusion as to the making of the will, witness was asked if a man showing no signs to those about him, including medical men, of having any mental weakness, was in a position to make a will. Witness saw no reason why he should not be able to do so. Witness did not believe that a man having alcoholic dementia would be able to transact business. He thought a person having alcoholic dementia would show indications of it to a medical man who made an examination of him some time previous, such as that made by Dr. Huntington. He thought it very doubtful if the man could develop alcoholic dementia in such a short time as six months. Personally, he had never had a case develop in that time. He did not know of a case developing in much less than a year.

In answer to His Lordship, witness said that a person having alcoholic dementia had no lucid moments. According to the evidence given by the doctors in attendance on Alex. Dunsmuir, witness did not believe that he had alcoholic dementia in 1898 or 1899.

Witness thought it very improbable that a man could have alcoholic dementia without it being noticeable to a person who lived with him as his wife and his nurse for two years previous to his death.

On the statement of hypothetical cases involving the fact that business men had met a supposed person during 1899 upon many occasions and conversed with the latter on business and other propositions, witness said that the supposed person could not, in his opinion, have had alcoholic dementia.

Witness said that authorities differed with respect to the retardation of alcoholic dementia. Some held that the disease could be arrested and that the patient could therefore become no worse. Others held the opposite opinion, that this retardation did not take place.

The cross-examination at the request of Mr. Bodwell was postponed until to-morrow morning.

T. F. Draper, managing clerk for Wilson & Wilson, was then called. He knew Mrs. Wallace since 1889, when he became connected with the office. He identified the will of Josephine Wallace as witness to it. The will was dated 16th August, 1899. It bequeathed to her son and her daughter, Edna, the sum of $2,500 each, with jewels and furs to the latter. The residue was also left to Alex. Dunsmuir with a recommendation which was specified as not binding upon Alex. Dunsmuir, that Edna be provided with a life estate in San Leandro. If any action was undertaken by either of the children to contest the will the legacy left was to pass from them with the residue of the property.

Witness said only this will and that of December 10th were prepared by Wilson & Wilson for Mrs. Dunsmuir.

He knew of the signing of the contract between James Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace on 1st December, 1900. It was prepared about the August previous. He was present when the agreement was signed. In order that the date should be changed, Mr. Wilson asked witness to re-write the first page. This was done, and witness handed both Mrs. Dunsmuir and James Dunsmuir a copy. Mr. Wilson said he would read it to save time. He took the copy from Mrs. Dunsmuir and read it. Mr. Dunsmuir was told by Wilson that they were not looking to his interests and advised him to get Mr. Boyd or some attorney. James Dunsmuir said that was all right, and was going to sign the document before it was completed by witness.

After the signing of the agreement, Mrs. Dunsmuir seemed very happy, as she said she could go to New York to undergo the operation without any thought of this business.

The court then adjourned until after lunch, when the cross-examination of witness will be proceeded with.

Geo. E. Drummond and F. W. Thompson have been appointed directors of the Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Company. The Canadian board now consists of W. J. Buchanan, E. S. Clouston, Sir A. Lacoste and G. E. Drummond and F. W. Thompson.

The six story building at Fifth and Oxford street, Philadelphia, occupied by Jas. H. Dillinger & Company, manufacturers of bobbins and shuttles, has been almost completely destroyed by fire. The loss, $50,000, is partly insured.

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MARRIED.

WATSON-NICHOL—At Kamloops, on Jan. 1st, by Rev. Father Michel, Robinson Watson and Mrs. Mary Josephine Nichol.

DIED.

URQUHART—At Kamloops, on Dec. 31st, Walter Urquhart, aged 79 years.

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